SUPPLEMENT

TO THE

BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

LONDON: SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH, 1907.

CONTENTS.

PAGE

SEVENTY FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION:
PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS ... 381

MEETINGS OF BRANCHES AND DIVISIONS:
Bath and Bristol Branch ... 384
Border Counties Branch: Scottish Division ... 385
Dorset and West Hants Branch ... 385
East Anglian Branch: North Suffolk Division ... 386
Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch: Glasgow Central Division ... 386
Lancashire and Cheshire Branch: Altrincham Division ... 386
" " " " Blackburn Division ... 386
" " " " Chester Division ... 386
" " " " Manchester (North) Division 387
" " " " Manchester (South) Division 387
Metropolitan Counties Branch: City Division ... 388
" " " Hampstead Division ... 388
" " " Marylebone Division ... 389
" " " Stratford Division ... 389
" " " Westminster Division ... 390
North of England Branch ... 391
South-Eastern Branch: Eastbourne Division ... 391
" " Hastings Division ... 392
" " Tunbridge Wells Division ... 392
South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch: Cardiff Division ... 392
South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch: Swansea Division ... 392
South-Western Branch ... 392
" " Plymouth Division ... 393
" " Torquay Division ... 393
Southern Branch: Winchester Division ... 393
Transvaal Branch ... 395
Yorkshire Branch: Bradford Division ... 395
" " Sheffield Division ... 396

ASSOCIATION NOTICES.—1907 Annual General Meeting—Annual Representative Meeting—Council Meeting ... 397
ADDENDUM TO REPORT OF COUNCIL ... 399
THE COVENTRY DISPENSARY ... 399
THE HAMPSTEAD GENERAL HOSPITAL: Dr. L. G. GLOVER ... 399
METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: Dr. FRED. J. SMITH ... 400
CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD ... 400
NAVAL AND MILITARY APPOINTMENTS ... 401
VITAL STATISTICS ... 401
VACANCIES AND APPOINTMENTS ... 401
BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS ... 402
DIARY FOR THE WEEK ... 403
BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED ... 403
CALENDAR ... 404

THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING.

OF THE

BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION,

EXETER,

JULY 27TH TO AUGUST 2ND, 1907.

President:

RICHARD ANDREWS REEVE, B.A., M.D., LL.D., Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto.

President-elect:

HENRY DAVY, M.D., F.R.C.P., Physician, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital.

Chairman of Representative Meetings:

JAMES ALEXANDER MACDONALD, M.D., Physician, Taunton and Somerset Hospital.

Chairman of Council:

HENRY WM. LANGLEY BROWNE, M.D., Ch.B., F.R.C.S.E., Consulting Surgeon, West Bromwich District Hospital.

Treasurer:

HENRY RADCLIFFE CROCKER, M.D., F.R.C.P., Physician, Skin Department, University College Hospital.

PROGRAMME OF BUSINESS.

An Address in Medicine will be delivered by WILLIAM HALE WHITE, M.D., F.R.C.P.Lond.

An Address in Surgery will be delivered by HENRY TRENTHAM BUTLIN, D.C.L., F.R.C.S.Eng.

A Popular Lecture will be delivered by Sir JOHN WILLIAM MOORE, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.C.P.Irel.

THE SECTIONS.

THERE will be thirteen Sections as shown in the subjoined list; they will meet on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, July 31st, and August 1st and 2nd, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The President, Vice-Presidents, and Secretaries of each Section constitute a Committee of Reference for that Section.

Papers read are the property of the British Medical Association, and cannot be published elsewhere than in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL *without special permission.*

No paper must exceed fifteen minutes in reading and no subsequent speech ten minutes.

It is requested that copies of any papers offered in any of the Sections should be supplied to one of the Honorary

Secretaries of the Section not later than May 30th, accompanied by a short abstract, in order that such abstract may be printed and circulated before the meeting.

PATHOLOGY.

President: ROBERT MUIR, M.D., F.R.C.P.Ed., Professor of Pathology, Glasgow.

Vice-Presidents: HENRY GEORGE PLIMMER, M.R.C.S., F.L.S., London; WILLIAM HUNTER, M.D., F.R.C.P., London; WALTER LEY PETHYBRIDGE, M.D., B.Sc., Plymouth.

Honorary Secretaries: REGINALD VAUGHAN SOLLY, M.D., F.R.C.S., 40, West Southernhay, Exeter; Professor WILLIAM ST. CLAIR SYMMERS, M.B., C.M.Aberd., Queen's College, Belfast.

The following provisional programme has been arranged:

Wednesday, July 31st.—A discussion on Pernicious Anaemia and Allied Conditions, to be opened by Dr. William Hunter, followed by Professor Lorrain Smith, Dr. Lovell Gulland, and Professor R. Muir. Dr. R. Hutchison will speak on Anaemia in Children; Professor Walker Hall on Metabolism in Anaemia; and Professor A. R. Ferguson and Dr. A. E. Boycott on Ankylostomiasis Anaemia; and others will take part.

Thursday, August 1st.—A discussion on Phagocytosis and Bactericidal Action, to be opened by Dr. George Dean. Professor R. Muir, Dr. Charlton Briscoe, Dr. T. Houston, Dr. David Lawson, Dr. J. C. Rankin, Dr. E. Turton, and others will take part.

Friday, August 2nd.—Papers on the *Spirochaeta pallida*, on Bilharzia, Haematobia, on Trypanosomata, and other Animal Parasites, and on Chemical Pathology, etc., have been promised by Dr. T. Shennan, Professor St. Clair Symmers, Professor A. R. Ferguson, Dr. R. T. Leiper, Dr. Carl H. Browning, Professor Walker Hall, and others.

Arrangements will be made for the exhibition in the Pathological Museum of specimens illustrating the work of the Section. Members wishing to exhibit specimens or photographs should communicate with the Secretaries of the Pathological Museum (Drs. R. V. Solly and G. P. Hawker, 40, West Southernhay, Exeter).

MEDICINE.

President: WILLIAM GORDON, M.D., F.R.C.P., Exeter.

Vice-Presidents: WILLIAM POWELL, M.B., F.R.C.S., Torquay; WILLIAM JOSEPH TYSON, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., Folkestone; GEORGE NEWTON PITT, M.D., F.R.C.P., London; EDWARD LAWRENCE FOX, M.D., M.R.C.P., Plymouth.

Honorary Secretaries: FREDERICK JOHN POYNTON, M.D., F.R.C.P., 1, Harley Place, London, W.; EDWIN BRAMWELL, M.B., F.R.C.P.Edin., M.R.C.P., 23, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh; ALFRED BERTRAM SOLTAU, M.D., F.R.C.S., 1, Lansdowne Place, The Hoe, Plymouth.

The following subjects have been chosen for discussion:

1. The Indications for Operation in Cases of Intracranial Tumour. To be introduced by Dr. J. S. Risien Russell.
2. The Diagnosis of Acute Pancreatitis. To be introduced by Professor Osler.
3. Rheumatoid Arthritis and the Morbid Conditions which simulate it, with special Reference to Pathology and Treatment. To be introduced by Dr. A. P. Luff.

DISEASES OF CHILDREN.

President: ALFRED HERBERT TUBBY, M.S., London.

Vice-Presidents: LEWIS MACKENZIE, F.R.C.S., Tiverton; FRANK HICHENS, M.D., Redruth; REGINALD HORACE LUCY, F.R.C.S., Plymouth; EDMUND CAUTLEY, M.D., London.

Honorary Secretaries: JOHN HARLEY GOUGH, M.D., Glenallon, Old Torwood Road, Torquay; EDRED MOSS CORNER, F.R.C.S., 37, Harley Street, London, W.

The following subjects have been selected for discussion:

1. The Diseases and Displacements of the Testicle in Childhood. To be opened by Mr. D'Arcy Power.
2. Acute Nephritis and its Results. To be opened by Dr. Voelcker.
3. (*a*) Lumbar Puncture: its Diagnosis and Therapeutic Value. To be opened by Dr. Farquhar Buzzard. (*b*) Precocious Development. To be opened by Dr. Reginald Langdon Down.

PSYCHOLOGICAL MEDICINE.

President: THOMAS CLAYE SHAW, M.D., London.

Vice-Presidents: ARTHUR NATHANIEL DAVIS, L.R.C.P., Exminster; ROBERT LEONARD RUTHERFORD, M.D., Exeter; GEORGE M. ROBERTSON, M.B., Larbert.

Honorary Secretaries: SAMUEL HOLLINGSWORTH AGAR, M.R.C.S., Hurst House, Henley-in-Arden; WILLIAM FRANCIS MENZIES, M.D., Staffs County Asylum, Cheddleton, Leek.

The following subjects have been selected for special discussion in this Section:

1. Alcoholism and Insanity.
2. Toxic Insanities and Bio-chemical Treatment of Insanity.
3. Hypnotism with reference to Insanity.

ELECTRICAL SECTION.

President: H. LEWIS JONES, M.D., London.

Vice-Presidents: JOHN DELPRATT HARRIS, M.D., Exeter; CECIL R. CHAWORTH LYSTER, M.R.C.S., London; WILLIAM CHEYNE WILSON, M.D., Plymouth.

Honorary Secretaries: ELLIS PEARSON, F.R.C.S.E., Strand House, Bideford; EDWARD WARREN HINE SHENTON, M.R.C.S., 126, Harley Street, London, W.

The Section will be opened on Wednesday, July 31st, by an address from Professor Stéphane Leduc.

On Thursday, August 1st, a discussion on *X* Rays and Sensitive Plates will be opened by Mr. Mackenzie Davidson.

On Friday, August 2nd, a discussion on the Dosage of *X* Rays will be opened by Dr. Sequeira.

The following papers will also be read:

WERTHEIM SALOMONSON, Professor J. K.: (1) The Electro-diagnosis of Oculo-motor Paralysis; (2) The Einthoven Galvanometer.
JONES, Dr. Lewis: (1) Oscillograph Tracings of Medical Coil Currents; (2) Ionic Medication in Ringworm.
ARTHUR, Dr. D.: A new Static Machine.
WALSHAM, Dr. Hugh: The Orthodiagraph.
SHENTON, Mr. E. W. H.: The Examination of the Hip-joint.
REID, Mr. A. D.: Ureteral Calculi.
PEARSON, Mr. E.: The use of *X* Rays from the Point of View of the General Practitioner.
BRUCE, Dr. Ironside: Treatment of Graves's Disease by *X* Rays.
MORTON, Dr. R.: Alternating Currents of Slow Periodicity.
GREEN, Dr. Stanley: *X* Rays and Chest Diseases.
HARRIS, Dr. Delpratt: Some Statistics of *X* Ray Therapeutics in Rodent Ulcer and Carcinoma.

It is hoped to provide a convenient room for the demonstration of new forms of apparatus and the showing of lantern slides by members.

TROPICAL DISEASES.

President: JAMES CANTLIE, F.R.C.S., London.

Vice-Presidents: GUTHRIE RANKIN, M.D., London; Sir RICHARD HAVELOCK CHARLES, K.C.V.O., M.D., I.M.S. (ret.), London; Lieutenant-Colonel ROBERT CALDWELL, F.R.C.S., Plymouth.

Honorary Secretaries: WILLIAM CARNEGIE BROWN, M.D., 32, Harley Street, London, W.; Lieutenant-Colonel G. M. J. GILES, M.B., F.R.C.S., I.M.S. (ret.), 3, Elliot Terrace, The Hoe, Plymouth.

The following subjects have been selected for discussion:

Wednesday, July 31st.—The Best Methods of carrying out Antimalarial Sanitation, with special reference to such plans as may be most suitable for population in the more primitive stages of civilization. This discussion will be opened by Professor Simpson, King's College, London.

Thursday, August 1st.—Diabetes in the Tropics. To be opened by Sir Richard Havelock Charles, K.C.V.O., Lieutenant-Colonel I.M.S.

Friday, August 2nd.—Haemoflagellates and Allied Organisms. To be opened by Professor E. A. Minchin, Professor of Protozoology, University of London.

The Secretaries will be glad to receive from members unable to be present pathological specimens, photographs, drawings, or microscopical preparations illustrative of any subject of interest in Tropical Medicine.

SURGERY.

President: GEORGE A. WRIGHT, F.R.C.S., Professor of Surgery, Manchester.

Vice-Presidents: EDWARD JAMES DOMVILLE, M.R.C.S., Exeter; CHARLES EDWARD WALLACE BELL, M.R.C.S.,

Exeter; DAVID NEWMAN, M.D., Glasgow; WILLIAM FREDERIC HASLAM, F.R.C.S., 54, Newhall Street, Birmingham.

Honorary Secretaries: BERNARD SCOTT, M.R.C.S., Inglewood, Poole Road, Bournemouth; BRENNAN DYBALL, F.R.C.S., 47, Queen Street, Exeter; WILLIAM SAMPSON HANDLEY, M.S., 77, Wimpole Street, London, W.

The following subjects have been selected for special discussions on Wednesday, July 31st, and Thursday, August 1st:

1. The Relative Value of Inhalation and Injection Methods of inducing Anaesthesia. To be introduced by Mr. H. P. Dean, F.R.C.S.
2. The Indications for Cholecystectomy. To be introduced by Mr. J. Bland-Sutton, F.R.C.S.

Friday, August 2nd, will be devoted to the reading of papers on subjects other than the above.

OPHTHALMOLOGY.

President: LOUIS HY. TOSSWILL, M.B., Exeter.

Vice-Presidents: JOHN R. ROLSTON, M.R.C.S., Plymouth; ALEXANDER HILL GRIFFITH, M.D., Manchester; ARTHUR CHARLES ROPER, F.R.C.S.E., Exeter.

Honorary Secretaries: RANSOM PICKARD, M.S., F.R.C.S., 31, East Southernhay, Exeter; ELMORE WRIGHT BREWERTON, F.R.C.S., 84, Wimpole Street, London, W.

The following subjects have been chosen for discussion:

1. Irido-cyclitis. To be introduced by Richardson Cross.
2. Vesicular Affections of the Cornea. To be introduced by W. Holmes Spicer.
3. The Construction and Manipulation of the Principal Instruments used in Ophthalmic Surgery. To be introduced by E. Landolt, Paris.

LARYNGOLOGY, OTOLOGY, AND RHINOLOGY.

President: ROBERT MCKENZIE JOHNSTON, M.D., Edinburgh.

Vice-Presidents: GEORGE JACKSON, F.R.C.S., Plymouth; JAMES BARRY BALL, M.D., London; PATRICK WILLIAM MAXWELL, M.D., Dublin.

Honorary Secretaries: CHARLES EDWARD BEAN, F.R.C.S.E., 19, Lockyer Street, Plymouth; ARTHUR LONGLEY WHITEHEAD, M.B., 31, Park Square, Leeds.

The following subjects have been selected for special discussion:

Wednesday.—The Differential Diagnosis of Tuberculous, Syphilitic, and Malignant Disease of the Larynx. To be opened by Sir Felix Semon, K.C.V.O., and Dr. Jobson Horne.

Thursday.—The Treatment of Chronic Suppuration of the Middle Ear without resort to the Radical (Complete) Mastoid Operation. To be opened by Dr. W. Milligan and Dr. W. Hill.

Friday.—To be devoted to papers.

Members are invited to contribute any preparations, specimens, or drawings, or any instruments or apparatus pertaining to the work of the Section, which have been designed by themselves, in order that the Committee of the Section may make arrangements to form a special exhibit of such objects.

Lantern demonstrations will be given by Dr. Watson Williams on the Anatomy of the Accessory Sinuses of the Nose, and by Dr. Milligan on the Surgical Treatment of Labyrinthine Suppuration.

DENTAL SURGERY.

President: JOHN MCKNO ACKLAND, M.R.C.S., L.D.S., Exeter.

Vice-Presidents: PETER SIDNEY SPOKES, M.R.C.S., L.D.S., London; THOMAS ARTHUR GOARD, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.D.S., 28, Southernhay, Exeter; KENNETH WELDON GOADBY, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.D.S., London.

Honorary Secretaries: JOSEPH LEWIN PAYNE, M.R.C.S., L.D.S., 44, Devonshire Street, Portland Place, W.; GEORGE ARTHUR PEAKE, M.R.C.S., L.D.S., Alma House, Cheltenham.

The following subjects have been selected for special discussion on Wednesday: The Causes, Effects, and Treatment of Dental Diseases in Children. To be opened by Mr. Edmund Owen, F.R.C.S., Dr. G. F. Still, F.R.C.P., and Mr. J. G. Turner, F.R.C.S., L.D.S.

The following papers will be read on August 1st and 2nd:

ACKLAND, Mr. W. R., M.R.C.S., L.D.S.: Notes on Some Cases of Neuralgia.

BENNETT, Mr. F. J., M.R.C.S., L.D.S.: Some Anatomical Results of Efficient Mastication.

COLYER, Mr. J. F., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., L.D.S.: Irregularities of the Teeth as shown by the Jaws of Animals. A contribution to comparative pathology.

FAIRBANK, Mr. H. A., M.S., L.D.S.: Sarcomata of the Jaws.

A special effort is being made to obtain specimens, photographs, diagrams, and microscope slides, for the annual pathological museum, which will help to illustrate the subjects under discussion at this Section.

OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY.

President: ERNEST HASTINGS TWEEDY, F.R.C.P.Ire., Dublin.

Vice-Presidents: WILLIAM FOOKES THOMPSON, M.D., Launceston; J. MACPHERSON LAWRIE, M.D., Weymouth; WALTER LEY WOOLLCOMBE, F.R.C.S.E., Plymouth; WILLIAM WALTER HUNT TATE, M.D., London.

Honorary Secretaries: GEORGE HERBERT JOHNSON, M.R.C.S., 7, Den Crescent, Teignmouth; HY. RUSSELL ANDREWS, M.D., 7, Wimpole Street, London, W.; EDWIN JOSIAH TOYE, M.D., Bridgeland Street, Bideford.

The following is a preliminary programme of arrangements:

Wednesday.—Discussion, The Justification for Artificial Dilatation of the Cervix to Hasten Delivery at Full Time, with a discussion on the Most Appropriate Method for Procuring this Dilatation.

Thursday.—Discussion, Measures to be Recommended to Secure the Earlier Recognition of Uterine Cancer.

Dr. Robert Jardine will open the discussion on July 31st; Dr. Herbert R. Spencer that on August 1st. Dr. A. L. Galabin, Dr. W. E. Fothergill, Dr. M. Handfield-Jones, Dr. Munro Kerr, Sir William Japp Sinclair, Sir William Smyly, and Dr. Thomas Wilson will take part in the discussions.

Friday is set apart for the reading and discussion of short papers.

STATE MEDICINE.

President: ARTHUR NEWSHOLME, M.D., M.O.H., Brighton.

Vice-Presidents: EDWARD ALEXANDER BRASH, M.R.C.S., Exeter; FREDERICK MANN WILLIAMS, M.R.C.S., Plymouth; Professor HENRY RICHARD KENWOOD, M.B., London.

Honorary Secretaries: SACK NOY SCOTT, M.R.C.S., Plymstock, Devon; FRANCIS CHARLES MARTLEY, M.D., 71, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin.

The following preliminary arrangements have been made:

Wednesday.—Dr. Newsholme will introduce a discussion on The Co-ordination of the Public Medical Services by reading a paper on The Prevention of Disease by the Co-ordination of Medical Service.

Thursday.—Professor Kenwood will open a discussion on The Reduction of Infant Mortality by Better Management and Control of the Milk Supply. It is further proposed to consider the Abolition of Private Slaughter-houses and a more strict Inspection of our Meat Supplies.

Friday.—It is proposed to discuss the following questions on Rural Hygiene: (*a*) The Isolation of the Infectious Sick in Rural Districts; (*b*) The Difficulties in the Operation of the Midwives Act in Rural Districts; (*c*) The Housing of the Labourer in Rural Districts; (*d*) The Economical Treatment of the Sewage of Small Communities; (*e*) What constitutes "Sufficient Supply of Wholesome Water," P. H. W. Act, 1878?

NAVAL AND MILITARY.

President: Inspector-General JAMES PORTER, C.B., M.D., R.N., Newport, Mon.

Vice-Presidents: Colonel GEORGE DEANE BOURKE, R.A.M.C., Devonport; Brigade-Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel J. RAGLAN THOMAS, M.D., V.D., Exeter; Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel DECIMUS CURME, M.R.C.S., Blandford.

Honorary Secretaries: Fleet-Surgeon HORATIO S. R. SPARROW, L.R.C.P., R.N., Royal Marine Barracks, Plymouth; Surgeon-Major JOHN ROBINSON HARPER, M.R.C.S., Bear Street, Barnstaple; Surgeon-Captain

JOHN SHIRLEY STEELE PERKINS, M.B., V.M.S., 47, Southernhay West, Exeter.

The following subjects are suggested for discussion:

1. Treatment of Wounded in Fleet Actions.
2. Treatment Afloat of (*a*) Syphilis, (*b*) Burns and Scalds.
3. Male and Female Nurses: Their Duties and Positions Afloat and Ashore.
4. Post-graduate Courses for Medical Officers. Civil and Service Staff College?
5. Water Supply in Camps, on the March, and in Battle.
6. Physical Drill and Marching in Winter, Hill Climbing and Across Country.
7. Disposal of Excreta in Camp and on the March.
8. Enteric—Personal Infection, and Methods of Isolation on Active Service. The Value of Inoculation as a Preventive.
9. Visual Tests for the Services and Mercantile Marine.
10. The Position of the Volunteer Regimental Stretcher Bearer.
11. The Medical care of the Volunteer Forces.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME OF PROCEEDINGS.

SATURDAY, JULY 27TH.

9.30 a.m.—Annual General Meeting, to be followed immediately by Representative Meeting.

MONDAY, JULY 29TH.

9 30 a.m.—Adjourned Representative Meeting.
4 p.m.—Reception by the R.W. the Mayor in the Guildhall.

TUESDAY, JULY 30TH.

9.30 a.m.—Adjourned Representative Meeting.
12 noon.—Service at the Cathedral.
2.30 p.m.—Adjourned General and Representative Meetings.
4 p.m.—Garden Party by Mayor in Northernhay.
8.30 p.m.—President's Address in Theatre.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31ST.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Sectional Meetings.
2.30 p.m.—Address in Medicine.
3.15 p.m.—Adjourned Representative Meeting.
4 p.m.—Garden Party by Dr. Deas (President, South-Western Branch), Wonford House.
8.30 p.m.—Reception by Branch in the Theatre.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST.

8 a.m.—Temperance Breakfast.
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Sectional Meetings.
2.30 p.m.—Address in Surgery.
4 p.m.—Garden Party at Bishop's Palace.
7.30 p.m.—Annual Dinner.
8.30 p.m.—Ladies' Entertainment at Theatre.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2ND.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Sectional Meetings.
8 p.m.—Popular Lecture.
8.30 p.m.—Reception by Civic Authorities in Royal Albert Memorial.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3RD.

Excursions.

HONORARY LOCAL SECRETARIES:

RUSSELL COOMBE, M.D. (Cantab.), F.R.C.S.Eng., 5, Barnfield Crescent, Exeter.
G. T. CLAPP, M.B. (Cantab.), 14, West Southernhay, Exeter.
LEONARD R. TOSSWILL, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., 34, West Southernhay, Exeter.

ANNUAL MEETING, EXETER, 1907.

PATHOLOGICAL MUSEUM.

THE following are the members of the Committee:—

President: J. D. HARRIS, M.D.

Honorary Secretaries: R. V. SOLLY, M.D., 40, West Southernhay, Exeter; G. P. HAWKER, M.B., 8, St. Leonard's Road, Exeter.

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE:

A. E. CARVER, M.D.
B. DYBALL, F.R.C.S.
R. HINGSTON
H. C. JONAS, M.D.
R. H. LUCY, F.R.C.S.
H. MONTGOMERIE, M.D.
W. L. PETHYBRIDGE, M.D.
R. PICKARD, F.R.C.S.
A. C. ROPER, F.R.C.S.Edin.
H. SHARP, M.B.
P. H. STIRK
G. L. THORNTON, M.R.C.P.
H. W. WEBBER.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS:

The President-elect: H. DAVY, M.D., F.R.C.P.

The Local Honorary Treasurers: J. SOMER, M.R.C.S.; L. H. TOSSWILL, M.B.

The Local Honorary Secretaries: RUSSELL COOMBE, F.R.C.S.; G. T. CLAPP, M.B.; LEONARD R. TOSSWILL, M.R.C.S.

The Committee responsible for the organization of the Pathological Museum are anxious to secure the co-operation of the officers of the various Sections at the forthcoming annual meeting. They will be glad to take charge of, and place in the Museum for exhibition any specimens, photographs, diagrams, or microscopic slides during the time they are not required by those who are reading papers or taking part in the discussions. The Committee therefore request members who propose to bring any material to communicate direct with the Honorary Secretaries, at 40, West Southernhay, Exeter, as this will greatly facilitate the necessary arrangements.

Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.

THE annual meeting was held at Bath on May 29th.

Installation of New President.—Dr. D. S. Davies resigned the chair to Dr. J. E. Cave, the incoming President.

Annual Report.—The Council reported with much satisfaction that the Branch continued in a flourishing condition. During the past year the papers had been interesting, and the discussion at the meeting held in Bath on February 27th was very ably opened by Professor Osler of Oxford, and was followed by a well-sustained discussion. The subject chosen was the early diagnosis of cancer of the stomach. A most interesting meeting at Bristol was devoted to clinical cases, and the scientific work of the session showed no falling off from the standard of previous years. The number of members had decreased from 386 to 379, chiefly in consequence of the losses the Branch had sustained through death. No fewer than four past presidents had died within a short period of each other. Dr. H. F. A. Goodridge was a graduate of London and F.R.C.P. For many years he was physician to the Royal United Hospital, Bath. His love of the practical side of his profession was very great, and he would spend many hours in the elucidation of the symptoms of his cases. In the wards no one was held in higher respect by house-physicians, nurses, and patients than Dr. Goodridge. In 1876 he was president of our Branch, and his inaugural address was on The Progress of Fever Pathology. In 1878, at the annual meeting of the Association, he delivered the Address in Medicine. In private Dr. Goodridge's opinion was very highly appreciated by his professional brethren, and we remember him as one who was thorough and modest, honourable as a physician, revered as a teacher, and respected as a consultant. Mr. R. S. Fowler has also been lost to us by death. He was an enthusiastic worker both for the Branch and for the Association, and held office as secretary and Representative on the Central Council. The Branch was also the poorer by the death of Mr. Alex. Waugh, their genial friend and president. The death of Dr. E. Markham Skerritt is fresh in the memories of all. Obituary notices of all these gentlemen had recently appeared in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL. Of Dr. Skerritt a colleague at the Bristol General Hospital had written as follows: Dr. E. Markham Skerritt was appointed Physician to the Bristol General Hospital in 1875, and became Senior Physician in 1884. This position

he still held at the time of his death, and the mere fact of his holding the senior post at the hospital for so many years would of itself tend to give him the chief share in the counsels of the medical staff. But apart from this, Dr. Skerritt possessed faculties of sound judgement, clear mental vision, and lucidity of expression which in any body of men would mark him out as a leader. He was always a good and loyal colleague, and his opinion in all matters connected with the management of the hospital which came before the medical staff carried great weight, and almost invariably proved to be well founded. No one laboured more earnestly to uphold the honour and dignity of the medical profession, or had its best interests more truly at heart. For many years after he first came to Bristol, Dr. Skerritt spent much of his time at the hospital, and gave great attention to clinical teaching. He was an excellent clinical teacher, clear, precise and dogmatic; perhaps he especially excelled in the training of students in careful observation, and in the teaching of physical signs. Many old students will have a grateful remembrance of the training in clinical work which they received from him, and to which their present success is largely due. As a clinical physician Dr. Skerritt deservedly gained a high place: he was a very shrewd and careful clinical observer, quick and exact in seizing upon the important points in a case; his diagnosis was sound. He was never led away by fanciful methods of treatment, nor by any fads that might be current at the time, but based his plan of treatment on a well-reasoned study of each case. To the sick his devotion and kindness knew no bounds, and many a patient, both rich and poor, must have found an unexpected wealth of kindness and sympathy behind his somewhat reserved demeanour. In addition the Branch had lost Dr. Kerr, a prominent practitioner in Bath, and Mr. E. Skeate, who was born in November, 1811, and was probably the oldest member of the Branch. His name appeared in the minutes as having been present at the seventh annual meeting of the Bath and Bristol Branch of the Provincial Medical Association, held on June 22nd, 1848. The Council had also to record the deaths of Mr. Herbert W. Kendall, Dr. Gubbin, Dr. John Hancocke Wathen. Coming to Bristol in the first place as assistant house-surgeon to the Bristol General Hospital, Dr. Wathen went to the West London Hospital as house-surgeon. In 1867 he joined his father in practice at Fishguard, where he gained a large and valuable experience. In 1880 he came to Clifton, and entered into partnership with Dr. Charles Steele, with whom he was associated for twelve years. At this time he undertook the duties of Medical Officer to the Clifton Wood Industrial School, and, turning his attention to skin diseases, he began a skin dispensary of his own in Park Row. But Dr. Wathen was even better known as a prominent Conservative, in whose interest he entered the Town Council in 1893, becoming an Alderman in 1897. For fifteen years he was medical officer in the 1st Gloucester Artillery Volunteers, retiring with the rank of Surgeon-Major. Dr. Wathen took an active part in the annual meeting of the British Medical Association held in Bristol in 1894, and was President of the Grateful Society in the same year. He died, aged 61, on October 5th, 1906, at Sea Walls, Stoke Bishop, to which place he had only recently removed from Clifton. Mr. Herbert William Kendall was a student of Middlesex Hospital, and qualified in 1892, taking the diplomas of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and the Royal College of Physicians of London. He held the posts of House-Surgeon and Obstetric Officer to his hospital, and also held the appointment of House-Surgeon to the Great Northern Hospital. For many years previous to his death he was Honorary Surgeon to the Bristol Royal Hospital for Women and Sick Children, where his skill as a surgeon and his kindly personality commanded the great esteem of his colleagues and of all those with whom he was brought in contact. He was, in addition, the Medical Officer to the Maternity Home and to the Surgical Aid Society. During the past few years his practice as a general practitioner had been rapidly increasing. Mr. Kendall died suddenly after a short illness at his residence in Clifton on December 23rd, 1906, aged 39.

Finance.—The financial condition of the Branch was satisfactory, and showed a balance of £133 13s. 1d.

Additions to Branch Council.—The following additions to the Branch Council have been made to replace those members whose period of service has expired: To represent the Bristol Division, Dr. Michell Clarke and Dr. Edgeworth; to represent the Bath Division, no return has yet been received; to represent the Trowbridge Division, Dr. Herbert Tayler and Dr. Rattray; for the representation of the Branch on the Central Council the only nomination that has been received is one for Mr. C. E. S. Flemming, consequently no ballot becomes necessary.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH:

SCOTTISH DIVISION.

THE annual general meeting of this Division was held on Friday, May 24th, at the Dumfries and Galloway Royal Infirmary, Dumfries, Dr. CLARKE (Dumfries) in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of Executive Committee.—The annual report of the Executive Committee was read and approved.

Election of Officers.—The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: *Chairman*, Dr. Murdoch (Annan); *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Monro (Stranraer); *Four Members of Committee*, Dr. Robertson (Penpont), Dr. Kerr (Dumfries), Dr. Bryson (Thornhill), Dr. Robson (Maxwelltown); *Members of Branch Council*, Dr. Logan (Ecclefechan), Dr. Bell (Lockerbie); *Representative at Annual Meeting*, Dr. Maxwell Ross; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. Livingston.

Contract Practice.—The subject of contract practice was then considered, and it was resolved to refer the "Bradford Rules" as modified at the previous meeting to the Executive Committee, to be redrafted in accordance with the suggestions made; the new draft rules to be printed and circulated to all members of the medical profession practising in the Division area.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held at Weymouth on Wednesday, May 22nd.

Entertainment by the Mayor.—For the first time in the history of the Branch a civic welcome was extended to the members. Previous to the transaction of business the Mayor of Weymouth (Alderman Templeman) entertained the assembled medical men and their friends, numbering over 100, to luncheon in a marquee that had been erected in the Alexandra Gardens, the catering being well done by the manager of the Gloucester Hotel. The Mayor presided, and was supported by the retiring President (Mr. William Hawkins) and the President-elect (Dr. J. Macpherson Lawrie, D.L., J.P.). After the luncheon the loyal toasts were honoured, and the MAYOR then proposed "The Dorset and West Hants Branch of the British Medical Association." In doing so he said that during his term of office he had had the privilege of entertaining many associations, but he had never entertained an association so important in its character or so useful to the community as the Association he had the pleasure to entertain that day. He welcomed the Association to Weymouth, and hoped that they would have a successful scientific meeting. Dr. SNOW, of Bournemouth, responded. He said it was customary in all ages to entertain great leaders of men, politicians, warriors, and naval heroes, a goodly number of whom had been entertained by that ancient borough, but it was not a very common thing for the public to pay much attention to the medical profession, a profession to which they owed so much. Honours were showered on other heroes, but those who were saviours of mankind were little noticed. Happily the example of the Mayor of Weymouth, in entertaining that Branch of the Association, was inaugurating a new era, and the medical profession were grateful for this recognition. Dr. Snow drew attention, among other things, to the great debt the community at large owed to medical men for the application of the scientific discoveries of M. Pasteur and others to the treatment of diseases and surgical injuries whereby thousands of human lives were now saved annually which would otherwise have been lost.

The members afterwards adjourned to the Princess Christian Hospital, where the business meeting was held. Dr. J. MACPHERSON LAWRIE presided.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Apologies for Non-attendance.—Apologies for absence

were announced from Fleet Surgeon Home, Fleet Surgeon Doyne, Dr. Benson Cooke, and others.

New Members.—The following were afterwards elected members of the Association: Dr. Gerald Russell Rickett (Sherborne), Dr. Arthur Norman Haig (Yeovil), Mr. Alfred G. Whitaker (Evershot), Lieutenant-Colonel Edward Swan Marden (Lyme Regis), Dr. Mary Ethel Jeremy (Bournemouth), and Mr. Charles Braxton Mooring Aldridge (Bournemouth).

Votes of Condolence.—The following were passed: 1. Dr. J. Comyns Leach; 2. Dr. Griffin; 3. Dr. Joseph Groves.

President's Address.—The PRESIDENT afterwards delivered an address on the progress and development of gynaecology during the last twenty years. He also exhibited some interesting clinical cases from the wards of the Princess Christian Hospital, and showed some pathological specimens.

Vote of Thanks.—A hearty vote of thanks was afterwards awarded to the President for his able address, on the motion of Dr. T. FRED. GARDNER, seconded by Dr. HYLA GREVES.

Reports.—The HONORARY TREASURER presented his financial statement for 1906. The Reports from the Divisions for 1906 were read. The Report of the Council of the Branch for 1906 was presented.

Representative on Central Council.—The return of Mr. E. H. W. Parkinson, of Wimborne Minster, as Representative of the Branch on the Central Council was reported.

Next Meeting.—It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Branch on July 3rd at Ringwood.

Reception.—At the conclusion of the meeting Dr. and Mrs. Macpherson Lawrie held a reception at their residence, Greenhill, which was largely attended by the members of the Branch with their wives and friends, and many visitors from the county and elsewhere.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH:

NORTH SUFFOLK DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the North Suffolk Division was held at the Lowestoft Hospital on Thursday, June 6th, at 4.30 p.m., Dr. BAYLIE in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Election of Officers.—The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and resulted as follows: *Chairman*, W. Berry; *Vice-Chairman*, W. E. Baylie; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, W. Tyson; *Representative for Representative Meeting*, E. H. T. Nash; *Representative on Branch Council*, E. H. T. Nash; *Executive Committee*, W. A. Shann, H. P. Helsham, W. L. Bell, E. H. T. Nash.

Cases and Specimens.—Cases and specimens were then shown by the following members: Messrs. Bell, Worthington, Nash, and Tyson.

GLASGOW AND WEST OF SCOTLAND BRANCH:

GLASGOW CENTRAL DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Division was held in the Faculty Hall, 242, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, May 28th, at 4 p.m., Dr. J. W. ALLAN presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Communications.—The SECRETARY intimated various communications which had been received, and these were considered.

Election of Officers.—The following office-bearers were elected for the ensuing year: *President*, Professor R. Stockman, M.D.; *Vice-President*, Robert Jardine, M.D.; *Secretary and Treasurer*, Wm. D. Macfarlane, jun., M.B.; *Representative to the Representative Meeting*, Mr. J. Grant Andrew, M.B., 12, Woodside Terrace, Glasgow; *Representatives to Branch Council*, Professor Stockman, M.D., Wm. D. Macfarlane, jun., M.B.; *Executive Committee*, George H. Eddington, M.D., A. N. McGregor, M.D., J. Paterson, M.B., W. K. Hunter, M.D., P. Napier Grant, M.B., W. S. Syme, M.D.

This was all the business.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH:

ALTRINCHAM DIVISION.

THE annual meeting was held in the Board Room of the Altrincham Hospital on Thursday, June 6th.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Election of Officers.—The following officers and Committee were elected for 1907-8: *Chairman*, Dr. G. H. Smith; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. F. Cox; *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. T. W. H. Garstang; *Honorary Assistant Secretary*, Dr. T. Ll. Fennell; *Representative to Representative Meeting*, Dr. C. J. Renshaw; *Members of Branch Council*, Dr. T. W. H. Garstang and Dr. Luckman; *Members of Executive Committee*, Drs. P. R. Cooper, W. Owen Jones, F. Basil Rhodes, J. C. Smyth, Oliver Withers, and W. H. Tattersall.

Vote of Thanks to Retiring Officers.—A hearty vote of thanks to the retiring office-bearers and Committee for their services during the past year was carried.

Address by new Chairman.—Dr. G. H. SMITH addressed the meeting.

Paper.—Dr. HENRY ASHBY read an interesting and instructive paper on Some Disorders of Infancy. A discussion followed in which the following took part: Drs. C. J. RENSHAW, C. A. K. RENSHAW, T. A. ROTHWELL, T. W. H. GARSTANG, AGAR RENSHAW, T. LL. FENNELL, H. R. HUTTON, and P. R. COOPER. Dr. Ashby was heartily thanked for his kindness in addressing the meeting.

Dinner.—Sixteen members dined together after the meeting, at the Brooklands Hotel.

BLACKBURN DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of this Division was held on Tuesday, May 28th, at the Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn, Dr. BALLANTYNE, President, in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

Letter.—The SECRETARY read a letter from Dr. Wallers, the Vice President, stating that he could not take office next year.

Annual Report.—The SECRETARY then read his Annual Report.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: *President*, Dr. Aitken; *Vice-President*, Dr. Macklin; *Secretary*, Dr. Greenwood; *Representative for Representative Meetings*, Dr. Baxter; *Members of Branch Council*, Drs. Prebble and Craig; *Members of Executive Committee*, Drs. Moir, Taylor, Bannister and Jones.

Invitation to Medical Secretary.—It was resolved that Dr. Smith Whitaker be asked to address the Division on the benefits of British Medical Association membership, and that all medical men in the district be invited.

Proposed Amalgamation with District Medical Society.—It was resolved that the Executive Committee meet the first week in October to consider amalgamation with the Blackburn and District Medical Society.

Vote of Thanks.—It was resolved that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Dr. Ballantyne for his services as President during the past year.

CHESTER DIVISION.

A MEETING was held on May 27th, Dr. GRANGER in the the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

Report of Executive Committee.—The annual report of the Executive Committee was read and approved.

Election of Officers.—The following officers for the ensuing year were then elected. It was proposed by Dr. PARRY, seconded by Dr. DUFF, that Dr. Mann be elected Chairman. It was proposed by Dr. PARRY and seconded by Dr. MANN that Dr. Gray be elected Vice-Chairman. It was proposed by Dr. MANN and seconded by Dr. GRAY, that Dr. King be re-elected Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. It was proposed by Dr. MANN and seconded by Dr. DUFF, that Dr. Parry be re-elected the Representative at Representative Meetings of the Association. It was proposed by Dr. TAYLOR and seconded by Dr. DUFF, that Drs. Mann and King be the Representatives on the Branch Council. It was proposed by Dr. MANN and seconded by Dr. KING, that Dr. Duff be elected on the Executive Committee. It was proposed by Dr. GRAY and seconded by Dr. KING, that Dr. Laird be elected on the Executive Committee. It was proposed by Dr. KING and seconded by Dr. PARRY, that Dr. J. G. Taylor be on the Executive Committee. It was proposed by Dr. DUFF and seconded by Dr. GRAY, that Dr. S. H. Munro be also elected on the Executive Committee.

Representative Meetings.—It was proposed by Dr. TAYLOR and seconded by Dr. MANN, that the Representative of the Division should be empowered to appoint a Deputy to

act for him in representing the Division (if necessary). This was carried unanimously. It was proposed by Dr. MANN and seconded by Dr. KING, that Dr. Parry, the Representative of the Division, be requested to vote for the postponement of the Charter, instead of his having a quite free hand when voting in all matters which might come before the Representative Meetings of the Association. When this was put to the meeting it was negatived. The latter part of the motion was then confirmed.

Forthcoming Meeting at Crewe.—The forthcoming meeting of the Division at Crewe was then considered, and the Hon. Secretary was requested to make arrangements for holding the meeting at the Crewe Arms Hotel, at 5 p.m. on June 7th.

Votes of Thanks.—A vote of thanks proposed by Dr. TAYLOR and seconded by Dr. MANN, and carried unanimously, was then accorded to the Chairman, Dr. Granger, for his two years' services in the chair. A vote of thanks was also unanimously passed to Dr. King, Hon. Secretary, proposed by Dr. PARRY and seconded by Dr. DUFF.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

MANCHESTER (NORTH) DIVISION.

THE annual meeting was held on Thusday, May 30th, Dr. BODDY in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The SECRETARY reported the action taken accordingly.

Manchester Eye and Ear Hospital.—It was unanimously resolved:

> That this Division considers the establishment of a new eye and ear hospital in Manchester totally unnecessary.

Details of Voting requested by the Annual Representative Meeting.—It was unanimously resolved:

> That this Division does not see its way to comply with the request made.

Election of Officers.—The following were duly elected for the ensuing year: *Chairman*, Dr. Hargreaves; *Vice Chairman*, Dr. E. Lee; *Secretary and Treasurer*, R. G. McGowan; *Representatives on Branch Council*, Drs. Broadbent and McGowan; *Representative to Annual Representative Meeting*, Dr. Broadbent; *Executive Committee*, Drs. Boddy, Fraser, Palanque, Wardman, and Walker.

Draft Scheme for Co-ordinating Local Divisions.—This was unanimously approved, and the following elected to represent the Division on the combined Committee: Drs. Hargreaves, Broadbent, Frazer, Walker, and McGowan. These same gentlemen were also elected to the Committee formed to deal with the annual meeting of the Branch.

MANCHESTER (SOUTH) DIVISION.

THE fourth annual general meeting of this Division was held at Dr. Sawers Scott's, Withington, at 3.45 p.m. on Friday, May 31st. The CHAIRMAN (Dr. Sawers Scott) was in the chair.

Apology for Non-attendance.—Dr. E. Vipont Brown wrote regretting his inability to be present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes were read and confirmed.

The late Dr. Collins.—Feeling reference was made by the CHAIRMAN to the first Chairman of the Division, the late Dr. F. H. Collins, and the following resolution was unanimously carried by the meeting:

> That the members of the Manchester (South) Division have heard with regret of the death of Dr. Collins, and that, being met in general meeting, desire to place on record their appreciation of the work he has done for the Division and for the practitioners of medicine in Manchester, and their deep sense of the loss they and the medical profession have sustained by the death of Dr. Collins.

It was resolved also to forward a copy of the resolution to Mrs. Collins.

Rusholme Dispensary.—A letter was read from the Medical Secretary, Mr. Smith Whitaker, *re* the Rusholme Dispensary, and it was resolved that the letter should be handed to the Chairman of the Combined Committee.

Election of Officers.—The officers nominated by the retiring Committee were elected, Drs. Ashton and Chevers acting as scrutineers, viz.: *Chairman*, Dr. E. Vipont Brown; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Percy McDougall; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. M. Russen Rhodes; *Representatives on Council*, Drs. F. W. Jordan and Percy McDougall; *Representative for Representative Meeting*, Dr. M. Russen Rhodes; *Committee*, Dr. G. H. Grant Davie (Fallowfield), Dr. A. E. Finney (Wilmslow), Dr. Albert Hopkinson (Withington), Dr. A. W. Senior (Levenshulme), Dr. F. J. Webb (Gorton). Both the retiring Representative, Dr. Bagley, and the honorary secretary, Dr. M. Russen Rhodes, were nominated by the meeting for the office of Representative for the Representative Meeting. Dr. Bagley received three votes and Dr. M. Russen Rhodes nine votes. The Past-Chairman, Dr. Sawers Scott, became also an *ex-officio* member of the Committee by the adoption of the following new rule: "The Past-Chairman shall be an *ex-officio* member of the Committee."

Ethical Rules.—The question of the adoption of a code of ethical rules was referred to a special meeting of the Committee.

Annual Reports.—The Executive Committee's and the Honorary Treasurer's reports were read and confirmed.

Draft Scheme for Combined Committee.—The draft scheme for a combined Committee of the Manchester Divisions was passed by the meeting, though with a protest at the limited powers given under the scheme to such Committee. Four Representatives were elected to the combined Committee—the Chairman (Dr. Vipont Brown), the Past-Chairman (Dr. Sawers Scott), the Representatives on Council (Drs. F. W. Jordan and Percy McDougall). The Honorary Secretary is an *ex officio* member of that Committee under the regulations of the draft scheme.

Draft Charter.—Dr. J. MILSON RHODES made a few remarks on the draft Charter. It was decided, however, to postpone his address to the first meeting of the Division.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The fourth annual report of the Executive Committee, which was confirmed by the meeting, was as follows:

Number of Meetings.—Your Executive Committee have to report that during the year three ordinary meetings of the Division were held, at which there was an average attendance of twelve. The Committee itself met twice.

Social Character of Meetings.—Your Committee wishes to draw your attention to the success of the social character of the meetings, which have been held at the houses of members of the Committee. Though the numbers present have not been increased, the enthusiasm shown and the greater amount of work done at the meetings has been very marked. Further, your Committee points out that the social character of the meetings was greatly increased by the presence of representatives of other Manchester Divisions at our meetings. The presence also of such representatives has much increased the value of the discussions at the meetings. In fact, the chief work of the past year was greatly due to such concentration of the active workers of the various Divisions at our first ordinary meeting, at which there were 18 present.

Necessity of Combination of Manchester Divisions.—At this meeting the necessity of the combination of all the Manchester Divisions for any effective work to be accomplished was clearly shown, and the propositions put forward at that meeting were generally agreed to—namely, that to enable the Association effectually, easily, and with the united force of its whole membership to carry out any policy, it is necessary:

1. To group the Divisions into workable areas—for example, the five Divisions of Manchester into one Manchester area.
2. To transmit the resolutions of such grouped Divisions or areas (as Manchester) to the Branches.
3. To transmit the resolutions of the Branches to Council (that is, to one Central Representative Council).
4. The resolutions of Council when approved by general meeting of the Association to be the policy of the Association, and it then to be the duty of this Central Council to carry out this policy, which thus becomes the policy of the whole of the members of the Association.

Your Committee wishes to direct your attention to the fact that the past year has been marked by signal success, in that the necessity for combination as set forward in the

above first resolution has been the cause of united action among the Manchester Divisions, and that they are agreed in seeking some permanent effective scheme of combination. At the same time your Committee recognizes the fact that this first proposition is the only one that has been effectively touched upon during the year, and that the further propositions brought forward at that meeting would have to wait until some satisfactory combination of the Divisions has been brought about.

Rusholme Dispensary.—Your Committee further has to report that the Rusholme Dispensary has not yet been suppressed, though its power for evil has been much limited by the vigilance of the Subcommittee for that branch of your Committee's duties.

Medical Benevolent Schemes.—Medical benevolent schemes have been several times brought forward, and much evidence has been given with regard to existing institutions and the necessity for united action in the matter has been abundantly made clear. It has been considered, however, that further progress in the problems involved could only be effectively made when the combination of the Manchester Divisions enabled a more influential body to take the matter up and carry it forward into some practical issue.

Poor-Law Reforms.—Your Committee wishes further to report that many proposed or suggested Poor-law reforms brought up at the second ordinary meeting and carried unanimously were embodied in the report of the Association's Committee which appeared before the Royal Poor-law Commission. Notably may be mentioned the second resolution adopted by the Division at that meeting—namely:

> That every registered practitioner should be entitled to attend Poor-law cases, unless he expresses his wish not to be on the list.

Similarly with regard to vaccination, it was suggested that the Scottish system ought to be adopted, "that is, every practitioner should be entitled to act as public vaccinator."

Authority of the Profession.—Along with the other Divisions and medical societies the decided action of the members of our Division resulted in the re-establishment in this city of the authority of the medical practitioners in attendance in all cases of accident or injury, even if suicidal or homicidal.

W. SAWERS SCOTT, *Chairman.*
M. RUSSEN RHODES, *Honorary Secretary.*

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH:

CITY DIVISION.

THE annual general meeting was held at 9 p.m. on Thursday, May 30th, at the Great Eastern Hotel, Liverpool Street, E.C. Dr. MAJOR GREENWOOD, Chairman, presided.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the meeting held on May 23rd, having been read and confirmed, were signed by the Chairman.

Report of Executive Committee.—This report, which had been printed and circulated, was received and adopted.

Representative in Representative Meetings of the Association.—Mr. Frederick Wallace was elected as Representative, and Dr. A. G. Southcombe as his deputy.

Election of Officers and Executive Committee.—The following members were elected:—*Chairman*, Dr. A.G. Southcombe; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. E. W. Goodall; *Representatives on the Branch Council*, Dr. J. W. Hunt and Mr. Frederick Wallace; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Mr. C. R. Salisbury; *Assistant Honorary Secretary*, Mr. F. Herbert Wallace; *Other Members of Executive Committee*, Dr. A. J. Beveridge, Mr. J. Beddow, Mr. Reginald Brown, Mr. F. J. P. Daly, Mr. H. Cuthbert Dixon, Mr. G. E. Gask, Mr. A. Withers Green, Dr. Major Greenwood, Dr. E. A. Lermitte, Dr. J. W. Oliver, Mr. J. H. Porter, Mr. H. E. Powell, Mr. J. Scott Sequeira, and Mr. H. Chisholm Will.

Adjournment of Meeting.—It was resolved that the meeting adjourn till Tuesday, June 25th, at 4 p.m. at the Great Eastern Hotel, to consider the agenda paper of the Annual Representative Meeting.

Supper.—After the meeting a number of members and their guests had supper together in the hotel. The retiring Chairman (Dr. Major Greenwood) and Secretary (Dr. E. W. Goodall) were thanked for the services they had rendered during their time of office.

HAMPSTEAD DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held on Tuesday, June 4th, at the Hampstead Conservatoire, Swiss Cottage, N.W., Dr. MACEVOY in the chair.

Minutes.—The minutes of the meeting of May 4th were taken as read.

Ethical Aspects of Medical Consultation.—A discussion took place on this subject (see BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, February 16th, 1907). The following resolutions were carried:

(*a*) That a class to be styled "Consultants" shall be recognized who shall undertake not to treat patients, either at their own consulting rooms or at the houses of patients or elsewhere, except in co-operation throughout the treatment of any case, either personally or by correspondence, with practitioners usually in charge of such patients. *Rider.*—This does not refer, under present circumstances, to patients seen at the charitable institutions to whose staff consultants are attached.

(*b*) That the rules laid down for consultation apply equally to practitioners who specialize in pathology, radiography, medical electricity, and light.

(*c*) That Paragraph 6 (*f*) of the Recommendations (p. 77, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, February 16th) be amended to read, "It is the duty of the medical attendant jointly with the consultant." [With regard to Resolution (*c*), it was pointed out that Paragraph 6 (*f*) (BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, February 16th, 1907) as it stood was in opposition to a by-law of the Royal College of Physicians, but if amended as above it would be in conformity with it.]

(*d*) That on p. 75, under the heading "Objections to Proposed Consultants on Ethical Grounds," the words "is deemed" be substituted for "has been pronounced." The same amendment to apply to Paragraph 4 (*c*) of the Recommendations on p. 76.

(*e*) That on p. 76, under the heading "Cases Seen at Consultant's House," the fourth sentence should read, "He should do so, explaining the circumstances immediately after to such ordinary attendant, and stating."

Hospital Administration.

A discussion then took place on the report of the Hospitals Committee (see BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, April 13th, 1907).

Specific questions submitted to Divisions:

1. Should there continue to be compulsory payment by patients to hospitals other than cottage hospitals?
2. Should the production of subscribers' letters continue to be compulsory?
3. Should inquiry into a patient's circumstances invariably take place?
4. Should a certificate be required from the medical attendants of all persons attending out-patient departments?
5. Any other comments.

The following resolutions were passed in answer to these questions:

Answer to questions 1 and 2: "No."
Answer to question 3: "Yes, except in emergency cases."
Answer to question 4: "That a recommendation should be required from the medical attendants of all persons attending out-patient departments, except in emergency cases."
Answer to 5: "That model principle No. 12 (BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL SUPPLEMENT, April 13th, p. 190) be amended to read as follows:

> "That there shall be co-operation and co-ordination between hospitals themselves, especially those which operate in the same area."

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The report of the Medico-Political Committee given on p. 191 of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL for April 13th, 1907, was next dealt with, and the following resolution was passed:

> That, as regards Hampstead, the Medical Adviser should be a full-time medical officer.

Advanced Phthisis.—The following resolution of the St. Pancras Division was then considered and approved, though it was pointed out that a year ago the Metropolitan Asylums Board had declined absolutely to take any such action:

> That this Division is of opinion that it is desirable that the Metropolitan Asylums Board should provide accommodation for far advanced cases of consumption, in order to prevent the spread of infection.

Contract Practice Subcommittee.—Mr. H. W. ARMIT reported on the corrections required to the subcommittee's report on provident dispensaries, which was published in

the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of April 6th, 1907, pages 183 to 186, and was also circulated in pamphlet form to members.

Kilburn Provident Medical Institute.

1. On page 3 of the pamphlet under 2 (*b*) (page 183, right-hand column, of the SUPPLEMENT of April 6th, 1907, under 2 (*b*)) "chronic invalids are removed from the books" should read "may be removed."

2. On the same page under 2 (*e*) the sum £190 18s. 11d. should read "£190 17s. 11d." Under the same heading 2 (*e*) instead of "13,111 attendances at 1s. 3d." read "23,111 attendances at 8½d. per attendance."

3. On p. 8 of the pamphlet (p. 185, left-hand column, of the SUPPLEMENT) under (*e*) for Kilburn, instead of the figures in the table "14, 60.9, 25.1" read "14, 61.9, 24.1." Under the same heading instead of "1s. 3d." read "8½d."

4. On p. 9 of the pamphlet, for "Kilburn . . . has 15 vice-presidents, of whom 12 are clergymen," read "14 vice-presidents, 10 clergymen" (p. 185, left-hand column, of the SUPPLEMENT, under *g*).

St. John's Wood and Portland Town Dispensary.

The Secretary of the Dispensary having worked out the attendances finds that these differ from the figures given in the annual report of 1905.

On p. 5 of the pamphlet under 4 (*e*) (or p. 184 of the SUPPLEMENT, left-hand column, under 4 (*e*)), instead of "this works out at 6d. per case attended" read "in 1906 there were 19,980 attendances and 5,945 home visits, which works out at 3d. per attendance."

Hampstead Provident Dispensary.

On page 8 of the pamphlet under (*e*) (or page 185 of the SUPPLEMENT, left hand column, under (*e*)), instead of the figures in the table "27.8, 56, 16.2," read "28.33, 57.16, 14.51."

The annual reports of the dispensaries worked on by the Subcommittee were as follows:

Hampstead, 1904.
Kilburn, 1905.
Haverstock Hill, 1904.
St. John's Wood, 1905.
Finchley, 1905.
Child's Hill, 1905.

It was finally resolved by the meeting:

1. That no further steps be taken as regards republication of the Subcommittee's report on provident dispensaries, but that in any future circulation of this report the errata shall be added to it.
2. That the errata be published in the minutes.
3. That the provident dispensary question be referred to the Executive Committee of the Division to take such future action as may be considered advisable.

MARYLEBONE DIVISION.

A GENERAL meeting of the Division was held at 11, Chandos Street, on May 14th at 5 p.m., Dr. LAURISTON SHAW in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Draft Charter.—The draft Charter and Special Report of the Organization Committee thereon, as published in the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of April 6th, were considered. The meeting passed the following resolution:

The Division does not approve of the present methods of election of the Council by Branches.

—Sir VICTOR HORSLEY, the Representative of the Division in Representative Meetings, was directed to take what action he thought best with respect to the draft Charter at the forthcoming Special Representative Meeting.

Hospital Administration.—The Division returned the following answers to the special questions submitted to Divisions: 1. No. 2. No. 3. Yes. 4. Yes; and added as a rider to 3:

That where the King's Fund grants help to hospitals, almoners should be provided by the hospital authorities at their own cost or with the help of the King's Fund.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The Division approved of the scheme of medical inspection of school children as outlined, and added the following riders:

1. That the Board of Education should require the appointment of a special local medical officer where the size of the area and distribution of population allows.
2. That the dental inspection and treatment of children be undertaken by dental surgeons specially appointed.
3. Provided that opposition is offered to any attempt of the education authorities to enter into arrangements with hospitals for the treatment of children.

Ethical Aspects of Medical Consultation.—The Executive Committee was directed to draw up a memorandum and series of questions to be submitted to the consultants in the Marylebone area.

Nomination of Officers.—The following were recommended as officers for the Branch: *President-elect*, Mr. Edmund Owen; *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. Buckle, Dr. Lauriston Shaw, Dr. F. J. Smith, Mr. Ernest Clarke; *Honorary Treasurer*, Mr. Betham Robinson; *Honorary Secretaries*, Mr. Atwood Thorne, Dr. F. J. McCann; *Representative on Central Council*, Dr. Lauriston Shaw.

The annual meeting of this Division was held on May 30th, at the Medical Society's Rooms, Chandos Street, W.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—*Chairman*, A. Pearce Gould, M.S., F.R.C.S.; *Vice-Chairman*, F. J. Smith, M.D., F.R.C.P.; *Honorary Treasurer*, Comyns Berkeley, M.B., B.C.Cantab.; *Honorary Secretary*, Donald Armour, M.B., F.R.C.S.; *Representative at the Representative Meetings of the Association*, Sir Victor Horsley, M.B., F.R.C.S., F.R.S.; *Representatives on the Branch Council*, Comyns Berkeley, M.B., B.C., Thomas Dutton, M.D., C. A. Hawthorne, M.D., Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D., M.S., Lauriston Shaw, M.D., Atwood Thorne, M.B., and the Honorary Secretary.

STRATFORD DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Stratford Division was held on June 6th at the Alexandra Hotel, High Street, Stratford, Dr. HASTINGS presiding.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of Recent Representative Meeting.—Dr. PERCY ROSE, the Representative of the Division, in giving his report of the Special Representative Meeting recently held in London, emphasized the importance of the proposed Charter. He said they were engaged in trying to formulate the best scheme for the working of the Association, and in addition their attention was being directed to obtaining increased powers by which they could enlarge the benefits and advantages of the Association, and thus endeavour to induce every member of the profession to join. He pointed out that in three successive years there had been three decisive votes given by the Representatives in favour of proceeding with the application for a Charter. At Leicester in 1905 the figures were 87 to 25, at London in 1906 there were 89 to 25, and this year 81 representatives to 34 wished to go on with the Charter. The Colonies he understood, were in favour of the Charter, and further delay would savour of wilful obstruction. The draft Charter as presented to the meeting was a triumph for the Organization Committee, who had so successfully embodied the wishes of previous Representative Meetings and the views of the Association generally, that only a very small proportion of the suggested amendments were carried, the larger number being defeated by huge majorities. In refusing to allow the deletion of powers to take proceedings before the General Medical Council, the meeting only confirmed the policy of the Association as laid down and accepted last year. The meeting decided to have defined in the By-laws what expenses, not merely for travelling, should be allowed to members of the Council or Committees and to Representatives. It would be important therefore from the financial side to have as few Councillors, Committees, and Representatives as would be compatible with the efficient working of the Association. The request of the Stratford Division that new members should be elected by Divisions was refused on the ground that personal feeling might enter too largely in the election. He still thought election of new members by their Division was the best plan if safeguarded by allowing an appeal to the Branch or Central Council by the nominators of a rejected candidate. The idea that no constituency should have less than 100 members was also negatived, but he thought that for financial or other reasons the Association would eventually adopt this alteration. The method of electing the Central Council was very properly subjected to a long and important debate. The resolution on the subject sent up officially by the Stratford Division was superseded

by one from the Norwich Division of a later date expressing the same ideas. By this procedure the meeting had the advantage of discussing the matter with the aid of a carefully worked out scheme put forward by the Norwich Division. The suggestion that the Representatives should elect the whole of the Council was first brought before a Representative Meeting by the Stratford Division at Caxton Hall last year. It was there, although seconded by Sir Victor Horsley, defeated by so large a majority that the numbers were not worth counting. This year the same idea secured 35 supporters, against 52 opponents. It was evident that definite progress had been made with this important reform, and if a reference should be made to the report of the debate published in the SUPPLEMENT of June 8th it would be found that this idea had secured the adherence of so many well-known medical reformers that its eventual adoption by the Association would be only a matter of time. The Stratford Division did not claim to be the originators of the idea. It formed part of a scheme formulated by the Manchester Conference before the Division existed, and the whole scheme, for simplicity and practical utility, had not and could not be beaten. At the risk of wearying his auditors he would reiterate the essentials of that scheme of organization of the medical profession. There should be (1) local Divisions, (2) an annual conference of delegates from those Divisions, and (3) a Council or Executive Committee appointed by the annual conference. This was the whole scheme, and he was sure that when once the members of the Association had grasped the idea they would adopt the scheme in its entirety. The Representative Meeting, however, decided on a Council elected two-thirds by Branches and one-third by the representatives in addition to Colonial, Service, and *ex-officio* members, the voters in each case being grouped geographically. He still thought the Central Council too large; but as this and most of the other contentious points were regulated by the by-laws, alterations that experience proved advisable could easily be made.

Ethical Aspects of Medical Consultation.—The ethical aspects of medical consultation were then briefly discussed, and it was decided that the Representative should have a free hand in the matter at the Annual Representative Meeting.

Election of Branch Officers.—In connexion with the election of Branch officers several members expressed their lack of knowledge of many of the candidates, and from the brief discussion which took place useful information was obtained about the gentlemen nominated for the offices.

Central Emergency Fund.—The meeting next considered the question of the Central Emergency Fund. Dr. ROSE gave a short account of various points in connexion with the Fund which had come under his notice at the Special Representative Meeting. He specially called the attention of the Division to the Ebbw Vale dispute, emphasizing the fact that the cause of the aggrieved doctors was supported by their local Branch not only with their sympathy but with monetary assistance. After a long discussion it was ultimately resolved to call a special meeting of the members of the Division on June 20th to further consider this important subject.

Election of Division Officers.—The meeting next proceeded to elect office-bearers for the ensuing year, with the following result: *Chairman*, Dr. C. Spurrell; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. E. B. Hastings; *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. P. J. S. Nicoll; *Assistant Honorary Secretary*, Dr. G. A. Troup; *Representative at Annual Representative Meeting*, Dr. Percy Rose; *Representative on Branch Council*, Dr. C. Spurrell; *Members of Executive Committee*, Drs. Beadles, Black, R. H. Collins, A. J. Cousens, Dale, Frederick, Hay, and Dayus.

Vote of Thanks.—The office-bearers for the past year were thanked for their services.

WESTMINSTER DIVISION.

A MEETING of this Division was held at St. James's Vestry Hall, 195, Piccadilly, at 8.30 p.m., on Wednesday, May 22nd, Dr. G. E. HASLIP, Chairman.

The Ethical Aspect of Medical Consultation.

Dr. DONALD BAYNES opened a discussion on this subject. He said:

The notice paper gives the subject for this evening's discussion, namely, "The Ethical Aspect of Medical Consultation," and also that I am to lead this discussion. The more I have considered the question the less I like my task, and regret that in a weak moment I agreed to take the place of the gentleman who was originally chosen and who accepted the position I now occupy. This gentleman on thinking the matter over, wrote and said he was unable to read the paper and our Secretary persuaded me to step into the breach. I am the more sorry, because this gentleman having made this subject a speciality, would have given you something worth hearing, whereas all I can do is to throw myself on your good nature and apologize for my deficiencies.

The SUPPLEMENT of the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL for April 16th deals very fully with this subject, and I suppose most, if not all here present, agree in the main with the recommendations of the Ethical Committee. There are, however, points in these recommendations which require explanation, and subjects of a controversial nature on which, if we may judge from letters in the JOURNAL, opinions differ very considerably. Now, the object of this meeting is to see if these diverse opinions after discussion and consideration cannot be brought more or less into harmony, so that we can meet the public as a solid phalanx with one settled policy, and showing a united front. Of one thing we may be certain: that if we do not put our house in order on such points as these, on hospital reform, and other kindred subjects, the public will step in and settle the matter for us. There is every indication that the public is getting restless, trouble is brewing, and our want of union will make us easy victims to the coming storm.

After considering the recommendations of the SUPPLEMENT of April 16th, and having read many of the letters on the subject, I am of the opinion that three points stand specially out for discussion—namely:

1. Should there be a special class of men set apart who would only see patients in consultation with a medical man?
2. What are called second visits?
3. Those with whom consultation is inadvisable or impossible to meet.

Again on p. 76, SUPPLEMENT, April 16th, column 2:

Recommendations. I suppose we all agree to No. 1.

No. 2. Cases in which consultation is specially required. Here again, I suppose, most, if not all, agree with sections (*a*), (*b*), (*e*), with its subsections (i), (ii), and (iii).

On subsections (*c*) and (*d*) I presume fuller information will be required, and differences of opinion will arise.

No. 3 seems to be non-contentious.

No. 4 is a debatable question.

No. 5 does not seem to call for discussion.

No. 6. This also will, I surmise, meet with general consent unless, perhaps, subsection (*f*) may require a little consideration.

The only remaining recommendation that may require examination is No. 10. Nos. 7, 8, and 9 seem to be non-controversial, and I expect will be passed without discussion.

Returning now to these three questions, which will probably form the resolutions to be returned to the British Medical Association Ethical Committee, let us look for a minute at No. 1, with which I propose to incorporate No. 3, as they closely interlace one with another. Should there be a special class designated consultants, the question now arises—what is a consultant? I have failed to find in any dictionary any such word. The SUPPLEMENT, April 16th, as far as I understand it, defines the position thus: The term "consultant" is used as the designation of *any* practitioner who in any given case is called in to advise thereon, but is not in general or continuous attendance.

This definition seems simple and easy to grasp, but when compared with the paragraph at the bottom of column 1 and top of column 2, page 76 of the SUPPLEMENT, one does not seem to be on a very sure foundation, and one is led to inquire whether an alternative division of the profession may not be into specialists and non-specialists. Personally I think eventually the profession will be divided into two groups—specialists and non-specialists (that is, the general practitioners). This I leave for discussion. As to the ethical position of consultants or specialists in regard to their brethren the class of general practitioners, I may say at once that a man with the mind and feelings of a gentleman requires no ethical rules to guide him as to what is right or wrong,

and no ethical rules, however framed, will prevent those whose instincts are not those of a gentleman from doing unprofessional things. In a word, a gentleman will "play the game" but a "rotter" will not. This whole controversy puts me in mind of a remark a young Scottish journalist made at a dinner, in reply to some rather unethical remarks made about Scotsmen by one of the guests. He said: "This gentleman seems to be unaware that there are two classes of Scotsmen—Scotsmen and damned Scotsmen—and I am sorry to say his experience is confined to the latter." So with the class of consultants or specialists; they naturally drop into two classes, consultants and damned consultants, and, judging from the letters in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, the latter class seem well to the fore. The eccentricities, to put it mildly, of some men are very marked, especially if their position is sufficiently high and unassailable to enable them to ignore the rules of ethics laid down by the General Medical Council. They do with impunity things that, in the case of smaller men, would certainly ensure their names being removed off the roll of registered practitioners by the General Medical Council. Take, for example, the rule which makes the meeting with an unqualified practitioner or employing an unqualified assistant infamous conduct, with the result that the delinquent is struck off the roll.

Now this rule is just and good; but why should it only be enforced against a small man who is hard put to it to earn his daily bread, while the rich consultant, who holds important hospital appointments, can do the same thing with impunity? I maintain and can prove that such is the case. I will give but two or three examples of what I mean.

The other day a lady, who had been treated successfully by a medical man for rheumatism with electricity and light baths, went to one of our leading neurologists for some nervous affection, was advised by him to go to Mr. —— (an unqualified man) for electrical treatment. She told this consultant that she knew Dr. —— very well, and that she had been under his care for this kind of treatment. The consultant, however, insisted that she should go to the unqualified man, and gave her a letter to him. The patient, however, went to the doctor who had treated her before, showed him the letter, and expressed her surprise that this consultant should have insisted that she should leave her own doctor to go to a man who was not qualified.

Another case, this time in a provincial town. Here a doctor was asked by a good patient of his to go with her to her dentist, as she was going to have gas for the removal of a tooth. He did so without making sufficient inquiries as to the dentist's standing. The dentist was unqualified, and the unfortunate doctor was haled before the local Division. His defence was a very simple one. In the first place he did not know the dentist was unqualified, and secondly and *chiefly*, he desired to follow in the footsteps of the leading practitioners who were on the hospital staff, and he noticed that for all their electrical work they employed the local chemist to the detriment of a local practitioner, who was an expert in *x*-rays and other methods of electrotherapeutics.

Truly, one man may steal a horse when another is sent to gaol for looking through the stable door. I know of another case where a leading surgeon advised a patient to go to a quack bucket shop, and was told by the patient and her friends: "Oh, we know Dr. —— very well. He gives the kind of treatment you mention, and as we know him, we would rather be under his care." This leading surgeon, however, preferred the unqualified man to a regular practitioner, and insisted on the patient going to this outsider to the detriment of his professional brother! This sort of thing makes one wonder if there may not be the question of a secret commission at the back of this unprofessional conduct.

Now, I have often gone to these electrical institutes run by unqualified men. I posed as a doctor who knew nothing about electricity, and listened to absurd jargon about watts, volts, ampères, etc. On asking what I should do if I sent patients to them, as it was difficult for me to say what treatment was required, I was quickly answered, "Oh, that does not matter; we know what to do and what to give; all our doctors write and say, 'We leave the treatment in your hands, as you understand the subject and we do not.'" On asking if many doctors sent patients, I would get in reply the names of many hospital men, and some with titles. What think you of men who send their patients to ignorant charlatans, and take their advice as to treatment? Is it not worse than having an unqualified assistant? Yet the one is looked up to as the embodiment of medical ethics and the exponent of high professional principles, while the other is struck off the roll. Truly this is a queer world. I have now said all I intend to say on Questions 1 and 3.

Question 2 (the second visit, as it is called). This will require your careful consideration and criticism.

These three questions seem to me to be the crucial ones. The other points I have mentioned as being worthy of discussion, such as Subsections (*c*) and (*d*) of Recommendation 2 and Subsection (*f*), would soon be regulated if the main questions can be satisfactorily settled.

Recommendation 10 is most important and cannot be too securely safeguarded.

In conclusion, I would suggest that the Ethical Committee be requested to more clearly explain and define the term "consultant," also to redraft their paragraph dealing with "those with whom consultation is inadvisable or impossible to meet," and in connexion with this to give their opinion as to the ethical position of those sending patients to unqualified men for treatment.

Drs. EWART, SIBLEY, DAUBER, and Messrs. HILLIARD and WOODHOUSE joined in the discussion. It was finally agreed that the recommendations of the Central Ethical Committee should be referred back for further consideration.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.

THE spring meeting of this Branch was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Blyth, on May 14th, Dr. BEATTIE, the President, in the chair.

Hospital Administration.—Dr. TODD moved:

> That the members of the North of England Branch disapprove of any charge being made to patients applying for hospital relief, and that all public hospitals should be free.

After general discussion Dr. COX moved the following amendment:

> That the resolution is inopportune at present, as it is included in the referendum to the Divisions.

This was carried unanimously.

Paper.—Mr. CLAY read a paper on the method and uses of ureter catheterization.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH:

EASTBOURNE DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Division was held at the Grand Hotel, Eastbourne, on Thursday, May 16th, at 6.30 p.m., Dr. J. ADAMS, Chairman, presiding.

Apologies for Non-attendance. — Apologies for non-attendance were received from Drs. H. Colgate, Leonard Crane, and H. S. Gabbett.

Matters referred to Divisions.—The numerous items of business referred to Divisions as announced in the SUPPLEMENT of April 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th, and May 11th, were considered seriatim, together with the recommendations of the Executive Committee bearing thereon as set forth in the Minutes of their proceedings of May 13th. The whole of these recommendations, with one or two unimportant alterations, were adopted.

Annual General Meeting.

Immediately following the conclusion of the special meeting, the fifth annual general meeting was held at the same place.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

Election of Officers.—The following officers, representatives, and members of the Executive Committee were duly elected: *Chairman*, Mr. C. O'Brien Harding; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. C. N. Hayman; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. William Muir Smith; *Representative on Branch Council*, Mr. J. H. Ewart; *Representative for Representative Meeting*, Dr. William Muir Smith; *Executive Committee*, Dr. J. Adams, Mr. H. D. Farnell, Dr. H. S. Gabbett, Dr. W. J. C. Merry, and Dr. H. D. Williams.

Vote of Thanks to Retiring Chairman.—A vote of thanks was passed to the retiring Chairman—Dr. J. Adams—for his services during the past year.

Annual Report.—The annual report and financial statement of the Executive Committee was received and adopted.

The late Dr. Robert Barnes.—The CHAIRMAN (Mr. O'Brien Harding) having feelingly alluded to the loss the profession had sustained through the death of Dr. Robert Barnes, proposed, and it was unanimously resolved:

That a vote of condolence be forwarded to Mrs. Barnes and family.

Dinner.—The members then adjourned for dinner, to which sixteen sat down. After dinner the CHAIRMAN proposed the toast of "The King," which was duly honoured. Dr. K. FRAZER proposed the health of the Chairman, to which Mr. O'BRIEN HARDING suitably responded. The members thereafter adjourned to the library for tobacco, coffee, and conversation.

HASTINGS DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Hastings Division was held at the East Sussex Hospital, Hastings, on Wednesday, May 29th, at 4.30 p.m. Dr. E. W. Skinner received the members and entertained them to tea.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Election of Officers.—The officers for the ensuing year were elected: *Chairman*, E. R. Mansell, Esq., 44, Wellington Square, Hastings; *Vice-Chairman*, E. Kaye Smith, Esq., St. Leonards-on-Sea; *Honorary Secretary*, G. Vickerman Hewland, M.D., 4, Eversfield Place, St. Leonards-on-Sea; *Representative for Representative Meetings*, J. Farrant Fry, Esq., 13, Dane Road, St. Leonards-on-Sea; *Representative on Branch Council*, J. W. Batterham, Esq., M.B., Grand Parade, St. Leonards-on-Sea; *Executive Committee*, G. A. Ballingall, M.D., F. W. S. Culhane, Esq., Peter Paget, Esq., Thos. Redmayne, M.B., J. P. Wills, M.D.

Draft Charter.—Dr. BATTERHAM proposed, and Dr. ALLFREY seconded, the following resolution, which was carried:

That this meeting of the Hastings Division disapproves of the Association taking any part in promoting the candidature of members of Parliament, believing it to be contrary to the interest of the Association (Charter 2 (2) (v)), and would, therefore, like to see the last two lines on page 7 of draft Charter omitted.

(Quotation.—"And may promote the candidature of any member of the Association for Parliament or for any British Legislative Assembly.")

TUNBRIDGE WELLS DIVISION.

THE annual meeting was held on May 28th at the General Hospital, Tunbridge Wells.

Election of Officers.—The following were elected officers for the ensuing year: *Chairman*, Dr. Pardington; *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. Footner; *Representative on Branch Council*, Dr. Adeney; *Representative to Representative Meeting*, Dr. W. B. Warde; *Executive Committee*, Drs. Aylward Davies, Guthrie, B. Rix, Crawford, and W. Wallis; *Honorary Secretaries*, Drs. E. A. Starling and W. B. Warde.

Hospital Administration.—The following answers to questions submitted were carried unanimously, in each case nine members voting affirmative, none voting negative, and fifty-five members absent:

1. No, except in special cases such as may occur under the new Workmen's Compensation Act.
2. No.
3. Yes.
4. No.

Medical Inspection of School Children.—The report of the Central Council was generally approved, with the proviso that medical inspectors of schools should be appointed by the County Education Authority or the Education Board and not by the local authorities.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH:

CARDIFF DIVISION.

AT the annual meeting held on May 16th, the following office-bearers were elected: *Chairman*, W. B. Crawford Treasure, M.D., J.P.; *Vice-Chairman*, T. Garrett Horder; *Honorary Secretaries*, R. Russell Thomas, 26, Windsor Place, Cardiff; Cyril Lewis, M.D., 27, Windsor Place, Cardiff; *Representative for Representative Meeting*, Ewen J. Maclean, M.D., 12, Park Place, Cardiff; *Representatives on Branch Council*, E. E. Brierley, M.B., W. Kirkby, J. Powell, D. R. Paterson, M.D., W. W. Leigh; *Executive Committee*, Herbert Vachell, M.D., E. Goodall, M.D., F.R.C.P., W. Mitchell Stevens, M.D., P. Rhys Griffiths, M.B.

SWANSEA DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of the Swansea Division was held at the General Hospital, Swansea, on Monday, May 27th.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and signed by the Chairman as correct.

Executive Committee.—The annual report of the Executive Committee, which had been printed and sent to each member, was taken as read. It stated that the number of members on December 31st, 1905, was eighty-three. During 1906 three new members had been elected, one member had died, and one had moved out of the Division. The net membership therefore, at the end of the year, was eighty-four. The expenditure for the year is again below the previous one, consequently the Division is in the happy position of having a useful balance on the right side. In addition to the annual and one special meeting, six ordinary meetings have been held by the Division, making a total of eight for the year. Medico-political, ethical, and kindred matters were dealt with at six, and scientific matters—papers read and cases shown—at six also. There had again been an increase in the scientific side of the meetings. The average attendance of members at the meetings had been sixteen, an increase of two. The Executive Committee had held six meetings during the year, with an average attendance of six members. In addition to the routine work of the Division, the following have been some of the matters dealt with satisfactorily: The employment of an unqualified assistant; the question of the reappointment of a member holding a public appointment; an increase of payment in a colliery appointment—this, after somewhat protracted negotiations, had been obtained. Resolved:

That the report of the Executive Committee be and hereby is adopted.

Alteration of Rule.—Rule 11 was altered, so that the annual meeting should be held in June instead of May, and that seven days' notice should be given instead of fourteen.

Special Representative Meeting.—Dr. D. Arthur Davies was elected to act as Deputy Representative for the Division at the Special Representative Meeting to take place in London on May 29th.

Election of Officers.—The following were then elected to act as officers, etc., for the following year: *Chairman*, J. Arnallt Jones, M.D.; *Vice-Chairman*, A. Hanson; *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, D. E. Evans, M.B., B.S., Brunswick Villas, St. Helen's Road, Swansea; *Representatives on Branch Council*, E. le Cronier Lancaster, M.B., R. C. Elsworth, M.D., F.R.C.S., F. G. Thomas, M.B.; *Representative in Representative Meeting*, H. A. Latimer, M.D. (re-elected); *Executive Members*, D. Arthur Davies, M.B., W. F. Brook, F.R.C.S., J. H. S. Roberts, J. M. Morris, M.B. (Neath); F. J. de C. Veale, M.D.; L. F. Marks, M.B.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH.

THE sixty-eighth annual meeting of the South-Western Branch was held at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, Exeter, on June 3rd. The retiring PRESIDENT (Mr. E. J. Domville) resigned the chair to Dr. P. MAURY DEAS.

Report of Branch Council.—The Branch Council report was read; it showed a net increase of membership of twenty-eight, and alluded to the meetings held during the past year. It pointed out that the chief questions that had occupied the attention of the Branch Council during the year had been the arrangements for the meeting of the Association in Exeter in 1907, and the arrangement with the Devon County Council of a proper scale of fees for inspection and supervision of midwives by medical officers of health. A balance of £64 11s. 1d. to the credit of the Branch was reported.

Annual Meeting, 1908.—The 1908 annual meeting of the Branch was arranged to be held at Falmouth under the presidency of Mr. William Banks. The election of Mr. Domville and Mr. Eales as Representatives of the Branch on the Council of the Association was reported.

Report of Executive Committee.—A report from the Executive Committee of the Branch detailing the arrangements so far made for receiving the Association was read and approved.

PLYMOUTH DIVISION.

A MEETING of the Division was held on May 24th, at the Rooms of the Plymouth Medical Society, Dr. E. L. FOX in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

Annual Representative Meeting.—Mr. GEORGE JACKSON was elected Divisional Representative at the Annual Representative Meeting. He then submitted various questions on certain topics which would come up at the Representative Meeting, and these were discussed and directions for voting given.

Draft Charter.—This was approved.

Hospital Administration.—The following questions were considered and answered:

1. Should there continue to be compulsory payment by patients to hospitals other than cottage hospitals?—No; in this Division there are no compulsory payments.
2. Should the production of subscribers' letters continue to be compulsory?—Not compulsory, but desirable.
3. Should inquiry into a patient's circumstances invariably take place?—Yes.
4. Should a certificate be required from the medical attendants of all persons attending the out-patient departments?—This is impracticable.
5. Any other comments?—The meeting considers that every charitable institution should have an official investigation.

TORQUAY DIVISION.

THE annual meeting of this Division was held on May 31st at the Torbay Hospital, at 4.30 p.m., W. ODELL, M.D., in the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last annual meeting were read and confirmed.

Honorary Secretary's Report.—The following report was read: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—As in my last report, I have to say that the meetings being purely business ones, the attendance does not in the least represent the strength of the Division. It is obvious that the Division government of the Association is hopeless unless medical men will show themselves equal to seize the wonderful opportunity of self-government that is being placed in their hands. Judging, however, from the reports of other Divisions, which occasionally come out, coupled with our own experience, it is to be feared that the old ingrained habit of working for the individual will prove the ruin of the scheme. The present membership of the Torquay Division is 85. In the past year there have been seven meetings of the Division, the average attendance at which has been six. Besides matters of local interest only, such subjects as the Central Emergency Fund and the medical inspection of school children should have given much larger attendances.

Election of Officers.—The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *Chairman*, Mr. Young Eales; *Vice-Chairman*, Mr. A. Nisbet; *Honorary Secretary*, Mr. G. C. Wilkin; *Representative for Representative Meeting*, Dr. Odell; *Representatives on Branch Council*, Drs. J. H. Gough, A. E. Hayward, C. W. Vickers, G. C. Wilkin; *Executive Committee*, Drs. Carver, Culross, Dunlop, McKenzie, and Powell.

SOUTHERN BRANCH:
WINCHESTER DIVISION.

THE spring meeting of the Winchester Division (Southern Branch) was held at the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester, on Wednesday, March 13th. The chair was occupied by Dr. JOLLYE, of Alresford.

Apologies for Non-attendance.—Letters of apology for inability to attend were read from Dr. Maturin and Dr. Joseph Groves, of Carisbrook, Isle of Wight.

Address by Professor Osler.—The CHAIRMAN, referring to the order of the business before the meeting, said the recommendations of the Executive Committee would be taken last, in order that they might have the full advantage of an address by Professor Osler, of Oxford University, who had to return at a somewhat early hour. He was pleased to welcome the Professor, and would ask him now to give his address. A case was brought in from the wards of a man with thoracic aneurysm. Professor Osler gave a clinical address on the case for some considerable time, pointing out most graphically with the patient before him every detail connected with thoracic aneurysm. He particularly used the word "lues" instead of "syphilis" in the hearing of the patient.

Stokes-Adams Syndrome in an Insane Patient.—Mr. J. F. BRISCOE, of Alton, read some notes on the Stokes-Adams syndrome in an insane patient. He said that those members of the Division and other professional brethren who had seen the case in question were agreed with him that it was worthy of their consideration in its present clinical aspect. Hence his excuse for bringing it forward that day on the visit of Professor Osler; but since that leader of British medicine had specially studied similar cases, he thought it appropriate to do so. He hoped they would be able to confirm the diagnosis when the patient was dead, by a *post-mortem* examination. A gentleman who was a widower, and who was now 77 years of age, had been under his immediate eye for thirteen years as a chronic lunatic. Melancholia had been his form of mental disease during those years, and now, of course, he had arrived at an age when the mental faculties—sane or not sane previously—invariably gave way. At the age of 20 he showed signs of mental instability, and at some period during his life he had contracted syphilis, because he had had to treat him with the usual potassium iodide and mercury, and the patient responded to it. For many years past his life and habits had been those of an ordinary retired gentleman wrapped up in his own mental errors, for at one time he believed that he had solved the mystery of things. Curiously enough, when insane people had a severe impending physical infirmity, their insane views seemed to remain in abeyance, and certainly at the present moment the patient was not giving them any trouble in that direction. Till the year 1899 he seemed to have enjoyed good physical health as a certified lunatic, beyond having tertiary syphilitic affections, such as cracked tongue, patches of psoriasis on the hands, and an extensive varicose condition of the lower extremities from the ankle to the groins, and these had for many years past been protected by bandages. He did not know how long these veins had been in this condition, and until 1899 he had no reason to suspect any special affection beyond the fact that he was a subject who had acquired the micro-organism of syphilis, and its results. Mr. Briscoe handed round carefully-prepared charts of the patient's temperature and chest observations, and proceeded to speak of the symptoms from which the man suffered, adding that he was now lying comfortably in bed in a warm room; that he got out daily for walking exercise, and then reclined on a chair by the fire. The symptoms were as follows: Vertiginous attacks; epileptic or apoplectic seizures of short duration, without any paralysis; angina; constipation; bradycardia (for seventeen days between 20 and 30 beats per minute); Cheyne-Stokes respiration; precordial dullness, increased considerably to the right; no bruit; all the signs of fatty or fibroid degeneration of the heart; extensive varicose condition of the veins of the lower extremities, involving the epigastric veins and the terminal branches of the internal mammary veins; sudden attacks and apparent death, recovered from by continuous massage of the extremities, sal volatile, whisky, and warmth. These conditions had led him to diagnose the case as one of Adams-Cheyne-Stokes syndrome. Dr. Briscoe proceeded to quote the published facts concerning the earliest records of the disease, as instanced in the cases of Adams, Cheyne, and Stokes, and compared the circumstances in those cases with the one now under consideration, reading notes which he had made as to the seizures and symptoms developed by his patient in 1899 and the succeeding years. When the man succumbed he believed they would find he had the same fatty, flabby heart, with extensive degeneration, that was found in the first case on record, which he had read and studied with interest.—Professor OSLER said there could be no doubt the case was a Stokes-Adams case, and he agreed with a remark made by Dr. Briscoe that Adams should precede Stokes, as he reported the first case. The disease was one of extraordinary interest from a great many standpoints.

Having dealt with the origin and symptoms of the complaint, the Professor said the cases were much more numerous than had been supposed, and added that when Dr. Briscoe had finished with his patient's heart he should like to look at it.

Vote of Thanks to Professor Osler.—On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Professor Osler for his attendance and the interesting lecture he had given.

Vote for Election of Officers.—It was agreed that voting for the election of officers at the annual meeting should be by ballot.

Medical Inspection of School Children.

The Executive Committee submitted the following recommendation:

That medical inspection of school children be distributed amongst those general practitioners of the district who are prepared to undertake a proportion of the duty. (See SUPPLEMENT, BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, February 16th, 1907.)

The CHAIRMAN said he had better define what the Committee meant by the medical inspection of children, and save any discussion on the point. By it they meant that all children should be inspected on first admission to school life, and that a history of them should then be taken, and a record afterwards kept, so that in after years there should be at any rate a record of the school life of the child. If any symptoms of disorder were found, such as of the eyes, ears, or teeth, a notice should be sent to the parents to have such disorder attended to. All children should be periodically inspected. The medical inspector should make regular visits to schools, and inquire carefully into any cases selected by the teacher to come before him. Any history of infectious disease given him by the teacher should of course be investigated, and the children kept away from school. Some children might be found on inspection to be unfit to go through the whole routine of school life, and for these a modified course of lessons would have to be suggested by the medical inspector. On leaving school the medical inspector would be able to advise and make suggestions to the parent as to the kind of business a boy or girl should go into. In the case of a lad with weak lungs being apprenticed to a baker, for instance, the medical officer would be able to strongly advise against his being put to a business of that kind. He had written to Dr. Robinson asking him questions as to the method of carrying out school inspection, and he had replied that the general practitioner had no time for the work, if it was to be properly done. As to the method of informing the parents of the result of the medical inspection, a printed form should be supplied to be filled in. This should be returned to the Education Committee, upon whom the responsibility would then rest. To appoint one man for a large district would be to place upon him an utterly impossible task; he would need a staff of six men at least, and his salary would not be commensurate with the upkeep of such a staff. The great objection to making the appointment a one-man office was the utter impossibility of visiting every school every day.

A gentleman asked whether this had been adopted anywhere.

The CHAIRMAN said that medical inspection of children was not yet a matter of law, but there was a Bill before Parliament which had passed the second reading, and no doubt compulsory medical examination of children would come into the House this year.

Dr. GIBSON (Aldershot) asked who was going to pay the inspectors. He mentioned that in Aldershot a medical man was appointed to attend to certain cases among the children, and received £25 a year; the number of children was from 3,000 to 4,000.

The CHAIRMAN said he did not consider that inspection of the children, and, if it was going to be started, it would either succeed or not according to the thoroughness with which it was carried out. They had to determine how it could be carried out in a thorough way, and not bandied with in burlesque of the kind mentioned. What they wanted to get at was the proper form of medical inspection, and nothing less would do.

Dr. HOYLE said he thought the true method lay somewhere between the two systems. One difficulty to be overcome would be the apathy and the carelessness of the parent. He thought there were three agents necessary to the successful grappling of the problem—namely, the school teacher, the general practitioner, and the special officer. He had thought the matter out very carefully, and he did not see how they could do without either of these three agents. They could rely upon the school teachers to do a certain amount of the work, such as rough eye testing and difficulties of respiration, and bringing to light what he might call the grown abnormalities. He thought the general practitioner's examination was very necessary, because, especially in a country village or small town, a medical man who had, perhaps twenty-five years ago, treated the father for syphilis, looked to find the taint in the children. It was the same with other complaints. He certainly thought that for the correlation of the scheme and its due working out they might reasonably expect it to be entrusted to a special officer.

Dr. BEVAN (Alton) said the great difficulty he foresaw, if this work was to be done by the general practitioner, was as to whether he would have the time necessary for it. Their time was so taken up that they were almost always in a hurry. This work appeared to be a special branch which ought to be done very thoroughly indeed, and he was rather inclined to think that it would be much better done by men who devoted their time entirely to it in the special district to which they were appointed. They would not come into contact with the general practitioner except in a friendly way. The medical officer of health did not want too many irons in the fire, and his duties were so varied and his time so limited that he was inclined to think the inspection of the children would suffer much if left to them alone. In a conversation which he had with the Medical Inspector of Children for Bradford, that gentleman most clearly pointed out to him that it was a special branch of work, and if a man was to do it thoroughly his mind must be devoted to that particular line almost entirely. He did not agree with the medical officer of health taking it up, and thought it could only be done thoroughly if done by a man who devoted himself entirely to the work and did it separately from the practitioner.

Dr. GIBSON (Aldershot) foresaw that there would be difficulty in avoiding friction if, say, ten medical practitioners were each to examine one-tenth of the children of Aldershot irrespective of their own medical practitioner. There was also the question of payment. If these ten medical practitioners were each to receive something which would be worth having, the total amount would come to a very large sum, and he did not think the ratepayers would stand it. There was another thing which would affect him personally rather seriously, and he daresay it would also seriously affect some others present. He could see that the parish patients would increase by something like 1,000 a year, which would be a serious matter. If these patients were to be treated properly, he should want at least three partners to cope with his work. The whole matter did not lie just in one's hands, but it was a very large and serious question, and personally he did not feel inclined to express an opinion one way or the other that day. It seemed to be a very far-reaching proposition, and he should like to know more about it.

Dr. SANDILANDS (Medical Officer of Health for the City of Winchester) said that any system of day visiting was absolutely impossible, and always would be. It would not be possible to get away to go to the schools any and every day of the week for the maximum sum which any education authority would ever dream of paying. The most important thing of all was that the work should be done for the very smallest sum that any work of the kind could be done. In the debate on the Bill in the House of Commons apparently the only member who realized where it was going to lead was Mr. Balfour, who gave voice to a very solemn warning about the cost which the proposal was going to make the ratepayer liable for. The speaker went on to refer to what had happened in London and throughout the country where inspection of children had been adopted, and said that the primary inspection was the least important part of the work. It was the treatment of children found to need treatment which was so serious, and it would have to be met by payment out of the rates or by special arrangement with hospitals. He did not think there was any question of a rise in the number of parish patients without any remuneration being paid for it. The inspections should be undertaken by those medical men who already had duties imposed upon them by the Local Government Board. Medical officers

had to report upon any circumstance likely to be detrimental to the health of the public, and their duties included inquiry as to the sanitary condition and ventilation of the schools and anything else affecting the welfare of the children. It seemed to him it would be a simple step to add to those duties the examination of the children for complaints which were of an infectious nature, and for this the cost need not be great. It had been undertaken by some officers for nothing at all. Where the money would be required was for attendance, and this would come to the general practitioner. The treatment would be separate from the inspection of the children.

Dr. GIBSON said they all knew what happened when a parish doctor asked for a rise of salary. He was at once asked to show cause for his application, and if he could show a very considerable increase of work he might, possibly, be granted a rise of 10 per cent. The increase of work would be quite 50 per cent. As for any board of guardians paying adequate remuneration for treating large numbers of children be absolutely refused to believe it.

Dr. HOYLE said he was afraid the suggestion that the medical officer should do anything more than examine as to the sanitation of the schools would lead to friction with the general practitioners.

After a little further discussion the Committee's recommendation was put to the vote, and was supported by eleven of those present. No votes were given against it.

Ethical Aspects of Medical Consultations.—The recommendation referred to in SUPPLEMENT, February 16th, 1907, *re* Consultations, was considered and agreed to *nem. con.*

The Regeneration of the Profession.—The following resolution was passed:

> That while agreeing with Sir Victor Horsley's address at Sheffield, published in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, December 22nd, 1906, as to the necessity for the regeneration and unionism of the profession, and its due and just recognition by the State, yet we entirely and emphatically object to the use of the word "trade" or anything that savours of its methods in connexion with our medical profession.

Dr. HARMAN, Dr. SANDILANDS, Dr. GIBSON, Mr. J. F. BRISCOE, Dr. HOYLE and others discussed the question, and finally the feeling expressed was that the words "trade" and "trade unionism" were inapplicable to the medical profession, and that hours of labour could not be arranged in medicine. It was also agreed that there was something more noble in medicine, wrapped up in better material than brown paper, and of more value than the current coin of the realm.

Inspection of Hospital.—The meeting terminated with tea. The opportunity of inspecting the hospital was afforded to members.

TRANSVAAL BRANCH.

THE inaugural meeting of the Transvaal Branch was held in the Red Room, Grand Hotel, Pretoria, on Wednesday, May 1st, at 8 p.m. There were present: Drs. J. J. Boyd, J. McD. Troup, S. Schapiro, Montgomery, G. Thornton, G. Michie, H. B. Willoughby-Smith, H. P. Veale, W. B. Woodhouse, and D. C. Henry, Acting Honorary Secretary.

Installation of Chairman.—On the motion of Dr. G. THORNTON, seconded by Dr. MONTGOMERY, Dr. J. J. Boyd was voted to the chair.

Chairman's Address.—The CHAIRMAN then thanked the members present for the honour they had done him, and afterwards proceeded to explain what had been done to organize the Branch, and concluded his remarks by reading the letter from the Assistant Medical Secretary of the Association conveying the Council's decision that the Transvaal Branch should be formed.

Offices.—It was then proposed by Dr. H. B. WILLOUGHBY-SMITH and seconded by Dr. J. McD. TROUP, and carried:

> That the following should be the offices to be held in the Branch: President, Vice-President, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, and four members of Council.

Mode of Election of Officers.—It was proposed by Dr. G. THORNTON and seconded by Dr. H. P. VEALE, and carried:

> That the election of office-bearers be conducted through the post, so that all members resident in the Transvaal should have an opportunity of voting.

Nominations. — It was further proposed by Dr. G. THORNTON and seconded by Dr. H. P. VEALE:

> That the Acting Honorary Secretary call for nominations by circulars to those members whose names and addresses are known to him, and by notice in the *Transvaal Medical Journal* that the remaining members might receive notice. All nominations to be returned on or before June 15th, 1907, to Dr. D. C. Henry, Acting Honorary Secretary, 188, Skinner Street, Pretoria.

The ACTING HONORARY SECRETARY said he would be glad to have names and addresses of all members who do not receive circulars in order that all may receive ballot papers and any further notices. The ballot for office-bearers will take place almost immediately after nominations have been received. Members were therefore invited to send in their names and addresses, that they might receive due notice and be enabled to participate in the ballot.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH:

BRADFORD DIVISION.

A SPECIAL meeting of this Division, to which all medical practitioners in the city were invited, was held at the Great Northern Hotel, Bradford, on Friday, May 31st, at 8.30 p.m. A large and representative gathering took place.

Bradford Police Surgeonship.

The meeting was called to consider the new scheme of the Bradford Watch Committee for the police surgeonship of the city. Mr. BASIL HALL (Chairman) presided, and in introducing the subject mentioned that he had had a communication from the Chairman of the Watch Committee offering to receive a deputation from the Division to consider the subject on Monday, June 3rd, at 5 p.m.

Dr. METCALFE (Honorary Secretary) read the printed list of duties allotted to the various posts. One chief surgeon, three divisional surgeons, and four subdivisional surgeons were to be appointed to carry out the duties formerly discharged by one surgeon. The salary for the chief surgeon was to be £120 per annum, for the divisional surgeons £50 per annum, and for the subdivisional surgeons calculated on a fee of 10s. per annum for attendance on the police constables in the subdivisional area. No extra fees for attendances on accidents, street casualties, certificates, or anything else were to be paid; the surgeons could retain the fees paid by the magistrates and coroner for evidence in their respective courts, but these were all. The printed list of "duties" in each case was a long and most exacting one.

Dr. MITCHELL discussed the scheme as a whole, and took strong exception to several points connected with it. "Appliances" ought not to be included in drugs, as splints, trusses, etc., might be required. The appointments ought to be for five years at least, instead of one year as advertised. The remuneration was most inadequate. The salaries proposed ought to be paid simply as retaining fees, and all attendances at the Town Hall for street accidents, etc., paid for as extras. This was the method adopted when the late Dr. Lodge was Police Surgeon. The Committee were trying to obtain the services of eight surgeons at £150 to £200 a year less than was formerly paid to one man, and were making the duties much more exacting.

Drs. CAMPBELL, BECKTON, HORROCKS, BATESON, WALKER, PARKINSON, GOLDIE, RABAGLIATI, SHACKLETON, CAMPBELL, BURNIE, MUNRO, and CARROLL discussed the question. There was a general unanimity in considering the work as excessive for the remuneration offered, and that a good many verbal alterations ought to be made in the printed list of duties.

Dr. MUNRO thought the whole scheme wrong, and that it should be suggested to the Watch Committee that one police surgeon should be appointed, and that he be allowed to carry on some speciality, and that the constables be attended by general practitioners.

Dr. MITCHELL proposed and Dr. CAMPBELL seconded that a deputation of seven be appointed to interview the Watch Committee in connexion with the subject. The names submitted were Drs. Campbell, A. E. Walker, Horrocks, Mitchell, Shackleton, and the Chairman and Honorary Secretary. Carried *nem. con.*

Mr. BURNIE proposed and Dr. MITCHELL seconded:

> That we all pledge ourselves not to make any application for the posts offered until after the next meeting.

This was carried unanimously.

Mr. HORROCKS proposed that the question of the horse ambulance should also be submitted to the Watch Committee. The notice required for its use (twenty-four hours) was absurd; the question of fee ought to be considered, and the generally bad state of the ambulance itself.

Dr. SHACKLETON seconded; Drs. WHERRY WILLSON, and WADDINGTON supported. Carried unanimously.

The meeting then adjourned.

A special meeting of the Division, to which all medical practitioners in the city were invited was held at the Great Northern Hotel, Bradford, on Wednesday, June 5th, 1907. at 8 30 p.m. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Basil Hall, Dr. CAMPBELL, Vice-Chairman, took the chair.

Confirmation of Minutes—The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Deputation to Watch Committee.—The CHAIRMAN asked the Honorary Secretary to announce the result of the interview of the deputation, which had been appointed at the last meeting, with the Watch Committee.

Dr. METCALFE stated that all the members of the deputation were present and were received at the Town Hall by the Chairman of the Watch Committee, Mr. H. B. Priestman, who had along with him Mr. Farndale, Chief Constable. The deputation was cordially received and the interview lasted for about an hour and a half. The questions submitted by the meeting were discussed seriatim in connexion with the duties for each office. The chief surgeon would probably have to examine about sixty candidates for entrance to the force yearly. He would have to attend whenever required at the Town Hall (especially on Saturday nights and Sunday mornings) casualties, etc. He would attend to street accidents and similar duties for a radius of about a mile from the Town Hall. Attendance in the middle of the night would only be required in serious cases. The word "appliances" in the duties would be changed to "dressings." In Section 7 "Chief Constable" would be changed to "Watch Committee." The section requiring a certificate every forty-eight hours when attending sick constables would be changed to "twice in first forty-eight hours, and at other times as required by the Chief Constable." These remarks were supplemented by Drs. Horrocks, Shackleton, and Mitchell. All agreed that no promise of better remuneration could be obtained. The Chairman of the Watch Committee wished to try for a year how the system worked and offered to then reconsider the question if not satisfactory.

Drs. PARKINSON, CAMPBELL, HORROCKS, PERCY LODGE, MITCHELL, BECKTON, BATESON, SHACKLETON, MANKNELL, CLOW, MARTIN, and PECK discussed the points raised. All appeared to consider the terms offered inadequate. The amounts suggested as salaries should be paid as retaining fees and all extra work paid for by special fees.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

1. That this meeting strongly disapproves of the terms offered, and requests that the appointments be deferred.

(Proposed by Dr. MUNRO, seconded by Dr. PERCY LODGE.)

2. That the members of this meeting pledge themselves not to accept any of these appointments until the profession come to an agreement with the Watch Committee.

(Proposed by Dr. HOUGHTON, seconded by Dr. BATESON.)

3. That those gentlemen who, not being at this meeting, have already applied, should be asked not to accept an appointment until terms are agreed upon with the Watch Committee.

(Proposed by Dr. MITCHELL, seconded by Dr. WHEATLEY.)

4. That a copy of the resolution (1) be sent to the Chairman of the Watch Committee and Town Clerk; and 1, 2 and 3, with the names of the gentlemen present, to every member of the profession in the city.

(Proposed by Dr. SHACKLETON, seconded by Dr. MITCHELL.)

5. That the deputation appointed at the last meeting be approved of as a committee to carry on any further negotiations with the Watch Committee or take any other action necessary.

(Proposed by Dr. DUNLOP, seconded by Dr. MUNRO.)

The meeting then terminated.

SHEFFIELD DIVISION.

A MEETING was held on May 27th, 1907.

Annual Report.—The annual report was read and adopted. It stated that the number of members of th Division in May, 1906, was 126; and in May, 1907, 162.

Election of Officers.—The following were elected officers for 1907-8: *Chairman*, Dr. Rowthorn; *Vice-Chairman*, Dr. Sinclair White; *Honorary Secretary*, Dr. W. Dakin Mart; *Representative for Representative Meetings*, Dr. Sinclair White; *Representatives on Branch Council*, Drs. Pye-Smith, Sinclair White, Garrard, and Dearden; *Executive Committee*, Drs. Cheesewright, Lyth, Picken, Johnston, Stokes, Kilham, Longbottom, Morton, Mylan, Forrest, Branson, Sheahan, Hudson, Gordon, Barber, Young, Hall, and Turner.

Annual Report of Council.—It was proposed by Dr. MARTIN, seconded by Dr. DYSON:

That the consideration of the annual report of the Council stand over for the present.

Draft Charter.—It was proposed by Dr. TURNER, seconded by Dr. ROWTHORN:

That the question be left to the discretion of the Representative of the Division at the Representative Meeting.

Election of Members for Central Council.

Dr. TURNER considered that the present Council was too large and too expensive, and suggested that Schemes 3 and 5 (SUPPLEMENT, April 6th) should be carefully considered, as they appeared more suitable.

Dr. SINCLAIR WHITE considered that the present method was a fairly satisfactory one.

It was proposed by Dr. TURNER, seconded by Dr. ROWTHORN:

That the method of election of members for the Central Council be left to the discretion of the Representative of the Division.

This was adopted.

Medical Inspection of School Children.

It was proposed by Dr. SORLEY and seconded by Dr. WHITE:

That the medical inspection of school children in towns should be in the hands of medical officers specially appointed.

It was proposed by Dr. FORREST and seconded by Dr. TURNER:

That as an amendment to the above the words "and that he be not engaged in general practice" be added.

The amendment was carried.

It was also suggested that in *rural districts* it would be better for the medical examination to be distributed among those general practitioners of the district who were prepared to undertake a portion of the duty.

It was thought that a division of the work among general practitioners resident in *towns* might possibly lead to jealousy between those so engaged and the rest of the general practitioners resident in the neighbourhood.

There appeared to be no evidence within the Division area of the practice of teachers sending school children, found to be ill, irrespective of their social status to hospitals, instead of referring them to their family medical attendant.

Registering Clubs.

It was proposed by Dr. FORREST, seconded by Dr. TURNER:

That a Register of Clubs be kept, and that it be in the hands of the Honorary Secretary of each section of the Sheffield Division.

This was adopted.

Executive Committee.

It was proposed by Dr. STOKES, seconded by Dr. MARTIN:

That the Executive Committee of the Division meet at least once a quarter.

This was adopted.

Payment of Medical Men Called in to Help Midwives.

Dr. TURNER read a letter from Liverpool relating to this matter; also the following resolution passed by the Health Committee, September 1st, 1904, and confirmed by the Liverpool City Council:

That it be recommended that in cases of urgency in which medical practitioners have been called in by certified midwives, as contemplated by Rule 17 of the Rules issued by the Central Midwives Board, pursuant to Section 3, Subsection 1, of the Midwives Act, 1902, a fee of not exceeding 1 guinea be paid, on the certificate of the medical officer of health, to each medical practitioner, in the event of his failing to obtain payment of his fee from the patient or from the Poor-law authorities.

It was proposed by Dr. SORLEY and seconded by Dr. FORREST:

That a deputation be appointed to meet the Health Committee of the Sheffield City Council in order to discuss the payment of medical men called in to assist certified midwives, with a view to the passing by the Sheffield City Council of a resolution similar to the above; and that the Deputation give a report to the Division of the results of the above-mentioned meeting.

This was adopted.

The meeting decided that the deputation consist of the Chairman and Honorary Secretary of the Division together with the Chairman of each section of the Division.

Great Central Railway Club.

The terms of this club are: 8s. per annum per individual member or family; 4s. per annum per some individual members. The Great Central Railway Mutual Provident Society desired to appoint an additional medical officer for Sheffield at the above terms. The Sheffield Contract Practice Rules do not permit of any new medical officer in Sheffield accepting 8s. per annum per family. No medical man in Sheffield could accept any such appointment. The Great Central Railway have been informed of this matter, and the additional medical officer whom they appointed has resigned. It was proposed by Dr. ROWTHORN, seconded by Dr. MARTIN:

That further discussion be left over until the Great Central Railway have decided what action they intend to take in the matter.

This was adopted.

Proposed Annual Dinner.—It was proposed by Dr. TURNER and seconded by Dr. SORLEY:

That an annual dinner of the Sheffield Division be held.

This was adopted.

☞ *To ensure the insertion of notices in this column, they must be received at the Central Offices of the Association not later than the first post on Tuesday.*

Association Notices.

1907 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual General Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in the Royal Public Rooms, Exeter, on Saturday, July 27th, at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon.

ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE MEETING.

The Annual Representative Meeting will take place in the Royal Public Rooms, Exeter, on Saturday, July 27th, immediately after the Annual General Meeting, which will be held at 9.30 o'clock in the forenoon; on Monday, July 29th, at 9.30 a.m.; on Tuesday, July 30th, at 9.30 a.m. if required; also on Wednesday, July 31st, at 3.15 p.m. if required.

BY ORDER OF THE COUNCIL,

GUY ELLISTON, *General Secretary.*

April 25th, 1907.

THE LIBRARY OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

OWING to the rebuilding of the Association premises in the Strand the Library is closed, but at the Temporary Offices of the Association, 6, Catherine Street, Strand (adjoining Drury Lane Theatre), a Reading and Writing Room is provided. The Room will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Saturdays, when it will be closed at 2 p.m.

COUNCIL MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, July 3rd, in the Board Room of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, by kind permission of the Board. The offices of the Metropolitan Asylums Board are situate on the Victoria Embankment at the corner of Carmelite Street and near Blackfriars Bridge.

GUY ELLISTON,

June 13th, 1907. *General Secretary.*

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH.—The annual general meeting of this Branch will be held in the Crown and Mitre Hotel, Carlisle, on Friday, June 21st. The business will include proposals to alter the existing rules of the Branch in several particulars, details for which will be sent to every member before the meeting. Election of office-bearers, etc. The Presidential Address will be delivered by Dr. F. H. Clarke, Dumfries. The detailed agenda paper will be issued as usual before the meeting.—FRANCIS R. HILL, Honorary Secretary, Carlisle.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held on Wednesday, July 3rd. Members wishing to read papers, exhibit or show pathological specimens, should communicate at once with the Honorary Secretary. *This is the only intimation of this meeting.*—JAMES DAVISON, "Streateplace," Bath Road, Bournemouth.

DUNDEE, PERTH, AND STIRLING BRANCHES.—The nomination of candidates for the office of Elective Member of Council for the ensuing year must be made in writing on or before June 17th to Dr. J. E. Moorhouse, 6, Melville Terrace, Stirling.—A. P. LOW, Honorary Secretary, Dundee Branch; W. A. TAYLOR, Honorary Secretary, Perth Branch; J. E. MOORHOUSE, Honorary Secretary, Stirling Branch.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Ipswich, on Thursday, June 20th: 12 o'clock, Council meeting; 12.30, general meeting; 1, luncheon, by kind invitation of Dr. R. W. Brogden; 2 o'clock, resumed general meeting—clinical cases; 4 o'clock, afternoon tea, by kind invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Brogden and Dr. and Mrs. Gutch, at 12, Lower Brook Street.

EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH: WEST NORFOLK DIVISION.—The annual meeting will be held at the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital on June 19th (not June 20th as previously announced), at 3 p.m., when officers and Representatives will be elected for 1907-8.—ARTHUR GARDINER, Honorary Secretary, Tuesday Market Place, King's Lynn.

EDINBURGH BRANCH: SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION.—The annual meeting will be held in the house of Dr. Young, Earlston, on the afternoon of Saturday, June 22nd, at 4 o'clock. Business: (1) Minutes. (2) Report of Representative of the special meeting recently held in London in regard to the Charter. (3) Election of office-bearers for the ensuing year.—W. HALL CALVERT, Honorary Secretary.

FIFE BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held in the Hotel, Thornton, on Friday, June 28th, at 3 p.m., as already notified.—R. BALFOUR GRAHAM, Honorary Secretary, Leven.

LEINSTER AND SOUTH-EASTERN OF IRELAND BRANCHES.—The names of candidates, each nominated by three members, for the representation of these Branches on the Central Council should be received by the undersigned on or before June 24th.—ARTHUR H. WHITE, Honorary Secretary, Leinster Branch, Malvern, Terenure Road, Dublin.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the Branch will take place on Thursday, June 27th. Time and place will be fixed by the Branch Council.—Honorary Secretary, FRED. J. SMITH.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HAMPSTEAD DIVISION.—The fifth annual meeting of this Division will be held at St. Peter's Hall, Belsize Square, N.W., on Friday, June 14th, at 4.30 p.m., Dr. Macevoy in the chair. Agenda: (1) Minutes of the annual meeting of June 8th, 1906. (2) Correspondence. (3) Questions. (4) To receive the annual report of the Committee. (5) To elect officers and ordinary members of Committee for the session 1907-8. Members are reminded that by resolution of a special meeting held on July 12th, 1906, the number of the ordinary members of Committee was raised to eleven (instead of seven as in the rules), the election of the four additional members being adjourned to this annual meeting. In accordance with a resolution of the last annual meeting, the Committee herewith issues to all members of the

Division the following nominations agreed to on May 17th' 1907:—Officers (six): Chairman, Dr. Pidcock; Vice-Chairman Dr. Oppenheimer: Representative to the Representative Meeting, Mr. H. W. Armit; Representatives to the Branch Council, Dr. Macevoy and Dr. Clark Wilson (elected May 24th, 1907), the Honorary Secretary is also an *ex-officio* Representative to the Branch Council; Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Dr. R. A. Yeld; Honorary co-Secretary, Mr. H. W. Armit. Ordinary Members (eleven): Dr. Ford Anderson, Dr. Collingwood Andrews, Miss Ada Browne, Dr. W. Butler, Mr. C. W. Cunnington, Miss Dobbie, Dr. Gaster, Mr. Nelson Hardy, Mr. F. R. Humphreys, Mr. E. Jessop, Mr. Vincent Moxey. (6) To instruct the Representative to the Representative Meeting. (7) The Honorary Secretary will read a letter from the Chairman of the Representative Meeting. (8) Other business.—R. A. YELD, M.D., Honorary Secretary, 29, Platt's Lane, Hampstead, N.W.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: KENSINGTON DIVISION.—The annual general meeting of the Division will be held at the Kensington Town Hall on Tuesday, June 25th, at 5 p.m. Agenda: (1) Minutes of the last ordinary meeting. (2) Annual report of the Executive Committee. (3) Consideration of any matters referred to Divisions. (4) Election of officers for 1907–8. (5) Any other business.—CHARLES BUTTAR, Honorary Secretary, 10, Kensington Gardens Square, W.

MIDLAND BRANCH: BOSTON AND SPALDING DIVISION.—A motor meet of the above Society will be held at the Bull Hotel, Bourne, on Tuesday, June 25th, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when tea will be provided (the expense to be defrayed by members individually). Members are cordially invited to bring friends, including ladies. After tea, by kind permission of Lord Ancaster, members will proceed to view Grimthorpe Castle. Members are requested to reply before June 20th whether it is their intention to be present.—A. E. WILSON, Honorary Secretary, Boston.

MUNSTER BRANCH.—Election of Representative Member on the Council of the British Medical Association. Nominations will be received by me up to and including Saturday, June 22nd.—PHILIP G. LEE, 26, Patrick Hill, Cork.

NORTH LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH WESTMORLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at the Furness Abbey Hotel on Wednesday, June 26th, at 3.30 p.m. The President-elect, A. J. Cross, M.D. (Dalton-in-Furness), will deliver an address on "The Medical Aspect of Elementary Schools." Will members wishful to show cases or specimens kindly send particulars to the Honorary Secretary, A. S. BARLING, 2, Queen Square, Lancaster?

NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.—Nominations for a Representative of the Branch on the Central Council of the Association. In accordance with By-law 24 nominations duly signed by three electors must be sent to me not later than June 29th.—MUNRO MOIR, Honorary Secretary.

NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Branch will be held at Fort Augustus in the last week of June. Further particulars will be sent to each member by circular.—J. MUNRO MOIR, M.D., Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH.—The sixty-third annual meeting of the Branch will be held at the Hôtel Métropole, Brighton, on Wednesday, June 19th, at 2.15 p.m. Mr. T. Jenner Verrall, President-elect, kindly invites members to lunch at the Hôtel Métropole from 1 to 2 p.m. Agenda, in addition to the business of an ordinary meeting: (1) To receive the report of the election of new officers, who shall thereupon take office; (2) to receive the report of the Council on the affairs of the Branch and the annual financial statement; (3) Dr. Douglas will move: "That no alteration of, or addition to, existing rules, or repeal of any rule, be made unless notice of the same be printed and circulated with the agenda for the meeting at which any alteration, etc., should be brought forward." After the meeting there will be a reception at the Royal Pavilion by his Worship the Mayor of Brighton (Councillor Gervis, M.A., M.B.). The following expeditions have been arranged to take place afterwards: A short sea trip, visit to the Grand Aquarium and trip on Volk's Electric Railway, visit to Booth's Museum of British Birds. Dinner at the Hôtel Métropole at 6.15 p.m.; charge, 7s. 6d. Wine will be provided by the members of the Brighton Division. Those who propose to be present at lunch or dinner, or both, are requested to signify their intention to Dr. Ryding Marsh, 49, Sackville Road, Hove, Sussex, not later than Saturday, June 15th.—H. M. STEWART, Dyffryn, Dulwich, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: CANTERBURY AND FAVERSHAM DIVISION.—A combined meeting of the Divisions comprised in the old East Kent District—that is, Ashford, Canterbury and Faversham, Dover, Folkestone, and Thanet—will be held at the County Hotel, Canterbury, on Thursday, June 27th, at three o'clock precisely, Dr. Whitehead Reid in the chair. Agenda: A paper will be read by W. J. Tyson, M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.S., Honorary Physician, Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, on the Future Lines of Treatment: Their Effects on the Profession. An address by Alex. G. R. Foulerton, F.R.C.S., D.P.H., Director of Bacteriological Department, Middlesex Hospital, Medical Officer of Health to the County of East Sussex, on the Treatment of Infective Disease by Bacterial Vaccination. W. T. Hillier, Esq., M.R.C.S., D.P.H., Pathological Assistant, Research Laboratories, Middlesex Hospital, will (1) Show specimens of trypanosomata; (2) give a demonstration of the method of determining the opsonic index of the blood. Preliminary meetings will be held as follows: (*a*) 2.30, Canterbury and Faversham Division:—Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Annual report. (3) Election of officers—Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Representative at Representative Meetings, Representative on Branch Council, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Committee. (4) To consider the desirability of amalgamating with the Ashford Division. (5) Any other business. (*b*) 2.50, Canterbury and Faversham with Thanet Divisions:—Agenda: (1) To elect the Representative for Representative Meetings. Members will dine together at 5.45 for 6 o'clock at the County Hotel, Canterbury; charge 5s., exclusive of wines. Those who intend to stay to dinner are requested to notify Dr. Henchley not later than the morning of June 27th, and to state whether they will assist in a short musical programme.—A. R. HENCHLEY, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Canterbury

SOUTH-EASTERN OF IRELAND BRANCH.—A meeting of this Branch and of the Branch Council will be held at the Town Hall, Clonmel, on Wednesday June 19th, at 12 o'clock noon. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Apologies. (3) Correspondence. (4) Ethical aspects of medical consultation; revised Royal Charter and hospital administration (see SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, February 16th, April 6th, and 13th, and bring them to meeting). (5) To receive report of Committee relative to underselling. (6) Dr. Jellett will read notes on a case of retinitis proliferans and exhibit photographs of same. (7) Dr. Quirke will introduce discussion on Parotitis and Leitchnech, giving differential diagnosis. (8) Dr. Hewetson will read a paper on whooping-cough. (9) Dr. Laffan will move for a fixed day of meeting at Clonmel. (10) Any other business. Members are requested to read papers of clinical and scientific interest and to give the Honorary Secretary fourteen days' notice in order to have them included on the agenda. Branch Council Agenda: (1) To elect new member. (2) To investigate ethical case: Supersession.—J. QUIRKE, Honorary Secretary, Piltown.

SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held at Bedford Hospital on Thursday, June 20th, at 3 p.m. The President-elect (Dr. Chillingworth) invites members to luncheon at the Grafton Rooms, 145, Midland Road, at 1.30 p.m. Members who intend to accept the President's invitation must communicate with the Secretary not later than June 17th. The meeting will be addressed by Mr. C. B. Lockwood F.R.C.S., Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital the subject being "Some Remarks on Clinical Pathology (Surgical) in its Relation to Diagnosis and Treatment." Any member wishing to read a paper, or show specimens or cases should communicate at once with E. HARRIES JONES, Honorary Secretary, 16, Castilian Street, Northampton.

STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH.—The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Branch will be held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, on Thursday, June 27th, at 5.25 p.m., when an address will be delivered by the President-elect, Mr. J. T. Hartill. Agenda: (1) Introduction of the new President. (2) Minutes of the last annual meeting. (3) Correspondence. (4) Address by the President. (5) Report of the Council. (6) The financial statement. (7) To decide the place of holding the next annual meeting. (8) Election of officers for the ensuing year—President-elect, Secretary, and Treasurer. (9) Report on the election of the Representative of the Branch on the Council of the Association. Members have the privilege of introducing friends. Dinner at 7.15 p.m.; charge 5s. A meeting of the Council will be held before the annual meeting for the election of members. The first general meeting of the session will be held at Stoke on Thursday, November 28th. Members desiring to read papers are requested to communicate the titles to the General Secretary as soon as possible.—G. PETGRAVE JOHNSON, Honorary General Secretary, Stoke-on-Trent.

ULSTER AND CONNAUGHT BRANCHES.—Nominations for Central Council. Two members to represent these Branches (combined) on the Central Council will be elected on June 29th. Nominations, signed by three electors, should be sent, to reach me not later than June 8th.—CECIL SHAW, M.D., Honorary Secretary, College Square, Belfast.

ULSTER BRANCH.—The annual meeting will be held in the Medical Institute, Belfast, on Saturday, June 29th, at 11.30 a.m.—CECIL SHAW, M.D., Honorary Secretary, College Square, Belfast.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.—The 64th annual meeting of this Branch will be held at the Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, on Friday, June 28th, at 12.15, when the chair will be taken by Dr. G. W. Harvey Bird, the President-elect. Agenda: Minutes of last meeting. Report of Subcommittee on fees from coroners. Report of Subcommittee on certificates. Annual report. Balance sheet. Election of officers. Election of honorary members. President's address: Notes on Influenza. Lunch will be served after the meeting, which will be paid for out of the funds of the Branch in the case of members; for guests and others a charge of 3s. per head will be made, exclusive of wines, etc., in all cases. During the afternoon a cricket match will be played between teams representing the Bridgwater and Taunton Districts of the Branch, on the Bridgwater Cricket Ground, and those present will be entertained to tea by the President and Mrs. Bird. Members are requested to let Dr. Bird or the Honorary Secretary know before Monday, June 24th, whether they will be present at the meeting and lunch, and whether they will be willing to take part in the cricket match.—W. B. WINCKWORTH, Honorary Secretary.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.—*Two Members of Council.*—In accordance with the Articles and By-laws, the Honorary Secretary of the Branch will be glad to receive nominations, signed by not less than three members, for the election of two Representatives on the Central Council of the Association. Nominations must reach the Honorary Secretary of the Branch not later than Saturday, June 15th.—ADOLPH BRONNER, 33, Manor Row, Bradford, Honorary Secretary.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.—The annual meeting of the Yorkshire Branch will be held at Dewsbury on Wednesday, June 26th. Members wishing to read papers, or show cases or specimens, should communicate at once with the Honorary Secretary.—ADOLPH BRONNER, 33, Manor Row, Bradford, Honorary Secretary.

ADDENDUM TO REPORT OF COUNCIL.

THE following schedule shows how a member's subscription of 25s. per annum is apportioned for defraying the expenses of the Association during the past year:

	£	s.	d.
General Association expenses, Representative Meeting, Council, Committees, Library, salaries, and wages ...	16,182	14	0
Capitation to Branches	3,665	4	0
Type and plant depreciation	250	0	2
Written off investments...	236	0	2
Clerical staff superannuation	300	0	3
Written off subscriptions	755	0	7
Carried to capital account	1,385	1	4
Net cost of printing JOURNAL, postage, editorial, etc., after deducting receipts for advertisements, sales, etc.	5,389	4	6
	£28,162		
Receipts from advertisements, sales of JOURNAL, etc.	23,836		
	£51,998	1	5 0

THE COVENTRY DISPENSARY.

SIR,—We the undersigned, members of the medical profession practising in the city of Coventry think it necessary that the attitude of the medical profession towards the Coventry Dispensary question should be clearly understood. We therefore ask you to publish the following explanation of the position:

The resignation of five members of the medical staff has been brought about by the local adoption of certain rules for the conduct of contract practice recommended by a special committee of the whole profession in this country appointed for the purpose of consideration of contract practice generally. These five members of the profession have consequently the support of the whole of the medical men of this city and surrounding district. The profession of Coventry are also supported by the unanimous vote of a meeting of the Central (Birmingham) Division of the British Medical Association, which includes in its numbers the consultants, specialists, and other leading members of the profession in that city, and is assured also of the support of the profession in other neighbouring cities.

We wish it to be clearly understood that neither we nor the British Medical Association are opposed, as has been so frequently misrepresented, to contract medical practice in principle, nor do we desire, as has also been wrongfully suggested, to obtain any control of funds of the Provident Dispensary or of the friendly societies associated with it. Many of the members of the profession in this district are prepared to enter into contract medical practice upon suitable conditions, and our objection to the Coventry Provident Dispensary is based upon the evidence of long experience as to the abuses inevitably associated with the present system of management.

We have not entertained the idea of altering the present scale of payment, but we are of the opinion that when a patient's means have reached beyond the wage limit he should cease to be attended upon contract terms.

We resent most emphatically the suggestion that any member of our Division is either so short-sighted or so unscrupulous as to attempt to derive any pecuniary benefit by the use of inferior drugs at the expense of a patient who entrusts his well-being to him upon contract terms.

F. FAULDER WHITE, F.R.C.S.
CHARLES DAVIDSON, M.D.
ARTHUR HAWLEY, M.B.
W. J. PICKUP, M.D.
W. W. FENTON, M.D.
F. L. HARMAN BROWN, M.B.
S. A. BALLANTYNE, F.R.C.S.Ed.
ERNEST H. KENDERDINE.
THOMAS A. B. SODEN, M.R.C.S.Eng.
VAUGHAN PENDRED, M.D., F.R.C.S.
EDWARD PHILLIPS.
T. F. COLLINGTON.
JNO. ORTON, M.D.
WEBB FOWLER, M.D., F.R.C.S.Ed.
HAROLD G. WEBSTER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
J. T. H. CROFT, M.R.C.S.
N. J. L. ROLLASON, M.B.
ROBERT RUDLAND, L.R.C.P., etc.
WM. E. HEAL.
H. H. KENDRICK.
PERCY E. OVERTON.
W. RICHARDSON RICE, M.D.
T. A. HIRD, M.D.
W. H. LOWMAN, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S.
J. LESLIE CALLAGHAN, L.R.C.P.Ed.
MILNER MOORE, M.D.
CHAS. HARRIS, M.B.
JOHN BRADLEY.
T. HARRISON BUTLER.
EDWD. LYNES, M.D.
W. EDWD. BENNETT, M.B., F.R.C.S.
A. J. ARCH.
CHARLES WEBB ILIFFE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

THE HAMPSTEAD GENERAL HOSPITAL.

DR. LEWIS G. GLOVER (Hampstead) writes: May I, though no longer a member of your Association, crave the hospitality of your columns for a few remarks on the above question? I do so because I was unable to be present at the meeting of the local profession held in Hampstead on May 24th and reported in your issue for June 1st and because I find myself referred to there on more than one occasion. May I commence by saying that the Hampstead Hospital has for years past (before I joined it nine years ago) served a larger district than the mere Borough of Hampstead; the formula used in the hospital documents has been "the poor of Hampstead, Highgate, Hendon, and the adjoining neighbourhood"; so that it is a misundertanding entirely for your readers to suppose that the hospital has in the past catered only for those residing within the confines of the Hampstead Borough, and to any one at all conversant with the growth of the metropolis it is obvious that in years to come (and not so far ahead as some of us apparently think) the need for more beds for the sick poor in the north-west district will be much greater than it is at this moment. That is to my mind a reason which more than justified the Council of the hospital in completing the hospital premises forthwith when the money to do so was offered them by an anonymous donor. Had it not been for the generosity of that donor the present building would not have been completed for years to come.

For the last two years an agitation has been kept going with regard to certain points connected with the hospital administration. I should like, as briefly as possible, to state my own personal position on some of these. Having worked in the out-patient department (as well as those of other hospitals) for some years, and having—I think it was in 1897—started an inquiry into the means of the

patients myself, I firmly hold that there are poor people in this city who from one cause or another are suitable for treatment as hospital out-patients, and the districts served by this charity are no exception to the rest of the metropolis. At the commencement of the agitation it was glibly stated that all out-patient departments in hospitals were to be done away with, and that a beginning was to be made with the Hampstead Hospital. Why with Hampstead I never could quite make out; the latest figures available (1905) for comparison for this purpose show that "the number of out-patients reckoned against each occupied bed in the 15 large general hospitals for 1905 was 212; in 8 other small general hospitals, 338; and in the Hampstead General Hospital only 91" (*Hampstead Hospital Report* for 1906), so that in comparison the Hampstead Hospital is a very small sinner, if sinner at all. But, sir, I venture to submit that neither the public, nor the members of the profession when they come from their study armchairs into practical grip with the out-patient question, will see that it is possible to abolish out-patient departments; to my mind, in the present state of society in these islands the four divisions of private practice—dispensaries, hospital, out-patient department, and Poor Law—are each a necessity for sick and suffering people, and will continue, though there may be modifications in methods of working in all of them which are needed more or less urgently. I believe that the true solution of out-patient abuse—the amount of which has been much overrated by some—is in the stern application of the almoner, and it is in the personality of the particular person who makes the inquiries that the crux of the whole matter lies; if the almoner is too easy to the patients, abuse enters at once, though the mere making of inquiry is a check to a certain extent. This system has been in vogue at the Hampstead for nearly ten years, and it is to that that I attribute the small number of out-patients we have had in comparison with other hospitals.

Respecting the casualty department, it has been the custom to refer the patients either to the out-patient department or to outside practitioners, etc., for some time past. In the former case inquiry is made, and they are then dealt with. Any one conversant with the duties of a resident medical officer will know that it is impossible for him to spend time in making inquiries of little boys who have fallen and bitten their tongues, or laundry girls who have run needles into their hands.

The medical profession in Hampstead is not aware of its blessings. Our hospital is the only hospital in the county of London north of the river into which a general practitioner has any entry at all, and he can get it there for his tradesmen patients and such like who can contribute from 12s. upwards towards their maintenance, in addition to any fees arranged between the doctor and patient. The number of beds available for that purpose will be increased shortly. For my part I should like to see them increased by double what is proposed, always providing that proper inquiry is made as to the means of the people admitted to them.

A service limit is a perfectly right method to adopt in hospital administration, but when a man has to begin with out-patients, and work his way up, it becomes at once apparent that anything much short of fifteen years would not be for the weal of the patients, seeing that if a surgeon came on at, say, 27 or 28 years of age, he would only get beds in probably five or six years, and just at the time he was getting to be of value to the patients he would be retired were the limit any lower.

I can myself see no reason why the outside medical profession should be represented on the Boards of hospitals, but it is not a point I consider worth differing from anybody about.

On the questing of the staffing of the hospital, it has been a dream of mine to see this institution developed much on the lines (but much improved ones) of provincial hospitals. Up till recently, I have preached the singular doctrine that, given the opportunity, the general practitioners in this twentieth century are as capable of administering hospitals in the London suburbs as they are in the provinces, regard being had to all branches of medical and surgical work; and I had hoped that, developed on this basis, the Hampstead Hospital would have been the forerunner in London of many imitators. Such an arrangement would lead to prompt attention to the patients of the institutions, to an enlargement of their income through the increased interest taken in them by the profession and through them the public, and to the benefit of the latter by the greater familiarity with medical and surgical work which their medical attendants would acquire. Knowing, as I have done for many a month past, that this question of the staff was the most urgent, and would be decided in the near future by the council of our hospital, I have on every opportunity, in debate and out of it, impressed on my medical brethren that they should devote their energies to securing in perpetuity that general practitioners should not be debarred from serving on it. At more than one meeting before Christmas last I urged it upon the Joint Committee, and at the eleventh hour, on February 22nd again, I asked that this point should be pressed to the temporary exclusion of all others. I have, however, to admit that I am not capable of judging what is the best policy for the general practitioners to adopt, at least on the assumption that they know what is best for themselves.

They have had full information on this matter, and they have deliberately thrown away their opportunity by adopting a mixed programme, and one doomed to failure from the first. With my colleagues I still fought that battle for them, but, as I expected, was outvoted on the Hospital Council; and hereafter there will be no more general practitioners elected to the staff of the Hampstead General Hospital. My dream of an active and well-equipped suburban hospital—the larger the better—staffed by relays of energetic, keen, and capable young general practitioners, with a few older consultants for help in case of need, is over. Perhaps a subsequent generation may see it, but I have my doubts if I shall do so.

Feeling that my views are too practical for my friends on the Association who are striving after Utopian ideals, and who glory in sticking to what they call principles, I came to the conclusion that I could not be of any further assistance in their deliberations, and so I sent in my resignation. I now view the struggle with interest from outside.

P.S.—For obvious reasons it would be unbecoming on my part to discuss the amalgamation scheme, but I might correct what I presume was a hyperbole on the part of one speaker, who referred to "hundreds of thousands" of out-patients at Kentish Town. I am informed that the latest figures available (those for the year 1905) show the number of out-patients to be 23,234; the number of attendances, 44,699.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.

SIR,—I hereby give you notice that:

Dr. Ford Anderson, 41, Belsize Park, N.W.,
Dr. Geo. Eastes, 35, Gloucester Terrace, Hyde Park, W.,
Dr. G. E. Haslip, 8, Suffolk Place, Pall Mall, S.W.,
Dr. Hugh R. Ker, "Tintern," 2, Balham Hill, S.W.,
Dr. L. E. Shaw, 64, Harley Street, W.,

have been appointed Representatives of the Metropolitan Counties Branch on the Council for 1907-8.—I am, etc.,

FRED. J. SMITH,
Honorary Secretary.

London, W., June 11th.

[An analysis of the voting, which, in accordance with the decision of the Branch Council, was carried out by the proportional system, reached us too late for publication in this issue. It will appear in the SUPPLEMENT to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL of June 22nd.]

CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

A MEETING of the Central Midwives Board was held at Caxton House, Westminster, on May 30th, with Dr. F. H. CHAMPNEYS in the chair.

Revised Rules.

A letter was received from the Privy Council transmitting an order in Council approving the revised rules for the period ending September 30th, 1909.

Proposed Additional Rule.

A letter was considered from the Privy Council transmitting a copy of a letter from the Medical Officer of Health for the City of Manchester with regard to a proposed additional rule that midwives should be compelled to take the temperature of patients at every visit. The

Board decided that the Privy Council be informed that the proposal will receive the careful consideration of the Board on the next revision of the rules.

Signing of Certificates of Instruction.

A letter was read from Dr. Fram Gotla, inquiring whether a teacher, who has instructed a pupil by correspondence only, is entitled to sign the certificate of instruction on the pupil's behalf. The Board decided that Dr. Gotla be informed that the terms of the certificate of instruction, and in particular the words "attended" and "lectures" appear to preclude the possibility of the signature of the certificate by a teacher whose three months' course of instruction has been given wholly or partly by correspondence.

Payment to Medical Practitioners Sent for in Emergency Cases.

The following item in the report of the Midwives Act Amendment Committee was not reached before the adjournment of the Board; the Committee recommend the Board to resolve that it is desirable to amend the Act so as to provide among others for the following alteration:

"Local supervising authorities and Boards of Guardians to be enabled to pay reasonable fees to medical practitioners sent for in emergencies in accordance with the rules of the Board with power to recover the fee from the patient or her husband in suitable cases."

Naval and Military Appointments.

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

THE following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: WILLIAM H. DAW, Staff Surgeon, to Gibraltar Hospital, June 6th; EDGAR F. MORTIMER, Staff Surgeon, to the *Vindictive*, June 6th; ALEXANDER G. WILDEY, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Vivid*, June 15th; RICHARD A. FITCH, Fleet Surgeon, to the *Indus*, June 15th.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL G. E. TWISS retires on retired pay, June 8th. His commissions are dated: Surgeon, February 5th, 1881; Surgeon-Major, February 5th, 1893; and Lieutenant-Colonel, February 5th, 1901. His war record is as follows: Zulu war in 1879 as a Civil Surgeon (medal with clasp); Egyptian war, 1882, including the surrender of Kafr Dowar (medal, and Khedive's star); Nile expedition, 1884-5 (clasp); South African war, 1899-1902, as Principal Medical Officer of a General Hospital, and including operations in the Orange Free State, the Transvaal, and Cape Colony (mentioned in dispatches, Queen's medal with three clasps, King's medal with two clasps).

Lieutenant-Colonel J. L. HALL also retires on retired pay, June 8th. He was appointed Surgeon, March 6th, 1880; Surgeon-Major, March 6th, 1892; and Lieutenant-Colonel, March 6th, 1900. During the South African war in 1899-1901 he was Principal Medical Officer of a General Hospital, and was present in operations in the Transvaal, receiving the Queen's medal with three clasps.

ARMY MEDICAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

SURGEON-MAJOR C. A. MACMUNN, M.D., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, May 28th.

Surgeon-Major C. G. GRANT to be Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, May 28th.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

CAPTAIN S. R. DOUGLAS has been transferred to the temporary half-pay list, from September 15th, 1905. He joined the department as Surgeon-Lieutenant, January 23th, 1898, and was made Captain, January 28th, 1901.

The transfer to the temporary half-pay list of Captain H. B. MEAKIN, M.D., dated March 23rd, which has been already announced in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL, has received the approval of the King.

His Majesty has also sanctioned the retirement from the service of Lieutenant-Colonel O. H. CHANNER, M.B., which has been already announced in the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL.

Major W. E. A. ARMSTRONG, Madras Establishment, has retired from the service from March 12th. He entered the service as Surgeon-Captain, January 30th, 1895, and became Major January 30th, 1904.

The retirement from the service is also announced of Lieutenant J. H. GILL, dated March 27th. His commission as Lieutenant bears date July 26th, 1902; he was placed on half-pay, May 27th, 1905.

Lieutenant-Colonel H. M. MORRIS, Bengal Establishment, has retired from the service, from May 14th. He was appointed Surgeon, September 30th, 1886, and became Lieutenant-Colonel, September 30th, 1906.

Major B. R. CHATTERTON, M.D. (Bengal), is appointed to officiate as Professor of Materia Medica, Calcutta Medical College, and *ex officio* 2nd Physician, College Hospital, vice Lieutenant-Colonel C. P. Lukis, M.D., granted leave.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. DRURY, M.B. (Bengal), is appointed to officiate as Principal and Professor of Medicine, Calcutta Medical College, and 1st Physician, College Hospital.

VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

ARTHUR J. DE SPIGANOVICZ, M.B., to be Surgeon-Lieutenant in the 6th Volunteer Battalion the Royal Scots (Lothian Regiment), March 1st.

Surgeon-Lieutenant D. J. THOMAS, 3rd Volunteer Battalion the South Wales Borderers, resigns his commission, April 26th.

Surgeon-Major W. DEANS, 2nd Volunteer Battalion the East Lancashire Regiment, is granted the honorary rank of Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel, February 28th; he resigns his commission, retaining his rank and uniform, March 1st.

Acting Surgeon J. H. REYNOLDS, V.C., M.B. (Lieutenant-Colonel retired pay), 1st Cadet Battalion the King's Royal Rifle Corps, resigns his appointment, April 22nd.

Surgeon-Lieutenant F. GRACIE, M.B., 1st Dumbartonshire Volunteer Rifle Corps, to be Surgeon-Captain, April 22nd.

Vital Statistics.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 8,846 births and 4,213 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, June 8th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 15.1, 14.9, and 14.5 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, further fell to 13.7 per 1,000 last week. The rates in the several towns ranged from 4.9 in Burton-on-Trent, 5.9 in Barrow-in-Furness, 7.0 in Walthamstow, 7.5 in Hornsey, and 7.7 in Brighton to 18.8 in Wigan, 19.2 in Merthyr Tydfil, 20.5 in Middlesbrough, 21.1 in Sunderland, 23.1 in St. Helens, 23.6 in Huddersfield, and 23.8 in Tynemouth. In London the rate of mortality was 13.2 per 1,000, while it averaged 13.9 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.5 per 1,000 in the seventy-six towns; in London this death-rate was equal to 1.6 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five other towns the rates ranged upwards to 3.0 in Portsmouth, 3.1 in Hanley, 3.7 in Bolton, 4.1 in Wigan, 4.2 in Tottenham, and 5.6 in Middlesbrough. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.7 in Tottenham, 1.8 in Wigan and in Bury, 1.9 in Blackburn, 2.1 in Gateshead, 3.1 in Hanley and in Bolton, and 5.1 in Middlesbrough; diphtheria of 1.3 in Portsmouth, in Reading, and in Norwich; whooping-cough of 1.3 in Tottenham and Newcastle-on-Tyne, 1.4 in South Shields, 1.6 in Walsall and in Wallasey, and 1.9 in Tynemouth; and diarrhoea of 1.1 in St. Helens and in Huddersfield. The mortality from scarlet fever and from enteric fever showed no marked excess in any of the large towns, and no fatal case of small-pox was registered during the week. The number of scarlet fever patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital, which had been 2,679, 2,732, and 2,824 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had further risen to 2,861 at the end of last week; 368 new cases were admitted during the week, against 363, 382, and 437 in the three preceding weeks.

HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS

DURING the week ending Saturday last, June 8th, 1,032 births and 660 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scottish towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 19.7, 17.5, and 16.7 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose again to 19.0 per 1,000 last week, and was 5.3 above the rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scottish towns the death-rates ranged from 17.2 in Edinburgh and 18.4 in Glasgow to 21.1 in Dundee and 29.9 in Perth. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases in these towns averaged 3.1 per 1,000, the highest rates being recorded in Glasgow and Leith. The 299 deaths registered in Glasgow included 5 which were referred to measles, 2 to diphtheria, 37 from whooping-cough, 8 from diarrhoea, and 15 from cerebro-spinal meningitis. Four fatal cases of whooping-cough and 5 of cerebro-spinal meningitis were recorded in Edinburgh; 7 of whooping-cough and 3 of diarrhoea in Dundee; 2 of whooping-cough and 2 of diarrhoea in Aberdeen; 4 of whooping-cough and 1 of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Paisley; 2 of measles and 3 of cerebro-spinal meningitis in Leith; and 2 of whooping-cough in Greenock.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, June 1st, 593 births and 398 deaths were registered in six of the principal Irish towns, as against 526 births and 403 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these towns, which had been 21.2, 19.6, and 16.0 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose to 20.3 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 5.8 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual rate for the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures ranged from 14.7 in Londonderry and 19.1 in Limerick, to 22.0 in Belfast and 23.1 in Dublin. The zymotic death-rate in the same six Irish towns averaged 0.7 per 1,000, or 1.0 per 1,000 lower than during the preceding period, the highest figure—2.1—being recorded in Cork, while Londonderry, Limerick, and Waterford registered no deaths under this heading at all. The deaths in Belfast included 10 recorded as due to cerebro-spinal fever, and 4 as due to cerebro-spinal meningitis.

Vacancies and Appointments.

VACANCIES.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

AYR DISTRICT ASYLUM.—Junior Assistant Physician. Salary, £120 per annum.

BIRMINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Physician; (2) three Receiving-Room Officers. Salary at the rate of £50 and £150 per annum respectively.

BOLTON INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

BRADFORD POOR-LAW UNION.—Resident Assistant Medical Officer for the Hospital and Workhouse. Salary, £100 per annum.

BRADFORD ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Resident Surgical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

BRIGHTON: SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Second House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum.

BRISTOL GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Physician; (2) Assistant Physician.

CAIRO: DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH.—Sub-Inspector of Ophthalmic Hospitals. Salary, £500 per annum.

CALCUTTA: LADY DUFFERIN VICTORIA HOSPITAL.—Lady Doctor. Salary, Rs. 550 per month.

CANTERBURY CITY ASYLUM.—Assistant Medical Officer. Commencing salary, £140 per annum.

COVENTRY AND WARWICKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

DARTFORD: CITY OF LONDON ASYLUM.—Locum Tenens. Terms, £3 3s. per week.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.—(1) Assistant Surgeon. (2) House-Physician, honorarium, £25 for six months.

EDINBURGH ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—Four Resident Medical Officers.

GENERAL POST OFFICE.—Male Assistant to the Medical Officers at Head Quarters. Salary, £200 per annum, rising to £300.

GLOUCESTER GENERAL INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

GRIMSBY AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

GUILDFORD: ROYAL SURREY COUNTY HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

HER MAJESTY'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Stepney Causeway, E.—House-Surgeon and Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £60 per annum.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £30 for six months, and £2 10s. washing allowance.

HULL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Casualty House-Surgeon. Salary, £50.

LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Junior Male House-Surgeon. Honorarium, £25 for six months.

LIVERPOOL EYE AND EAR INFIRMARY.—Male House-Surgeon. Salary, £30 per annum.

LONDON COUNTY ASYSUM, Horton, Epsom.—Fifth Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £150 per annum.

LOUGHBOROUGH AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

MACCLESFIELD GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Junior House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum.

MAIDSTONE: WEST KENT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £60 per annum, and £5 for washing.

MILLER HOSPITAL AND ROYAL KENT DISPENSARY, Greenwich Road, S.E.—Honorary District Medical Officer.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Senior and Junior House-Physicians. Salary, £50 per annum each.

NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE CORPORATION.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £300 per annum.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE DISPENSARY.—Visiting Medical Assistant. Salary, £160, rising to £180 per annum.

NEWPORT AND MONMOUTHSHIRE HOSPITAL.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary, £70 per annum.

OLDHAM UNION.—Resident Medical Officer of the Workhouse. Salary, £150 per annum.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY.—Professorship of Pathology. Income, £700 per annum.

ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £110 per annum.

ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—(1) Junior Obstetric Assistant; (2) Clinical Assistants.

ROYAL WATERLOO HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN, S.E.—Junior Resident Medical Officer. Salary at the rate of £40 per annum.

SALISBURY INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY.—Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon at Dreadnought Hospital, Greenwich.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY.—Demonstrator in Physiology. Salary, £150 per annum.

SOUTH SHIELDS: INGHAM INFIRMARY AND SOUTH SHIELDS AND WESTOE DISPENSARY.—Senior House-Surgeon (male). Salary, £100 per annum.

WEST BROMWICH DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—(1) Senior House-Surgeon; (2) Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £110 and £75 per annum respectively.

WEST HARTLEPOOL: CAMERON HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

WEST LONDON HOSPITAL, Hammersmith Road, W.—Officer in charge of X-ray Department.

WESTERN GENERAL DISPENSARY, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

WORCESTER: COUNTY CHEMICAL LABORATORY, Shirehall.—Assistant Bacteriologist. Salary, £150 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces vacancies at Louth, co. Lincoln; Lochwinnock, co. Renfrew; Whitby, co. Yorks.

APPOINTMENTS.

CALTHROP, Lionel C. E., M.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Superintendent of Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire.

FRENCH, J. J., M.D.Durh., District Medical Officer of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Union.

HORAN, H. W., M.B., B.S.Durh., Medical Officer of Health, Warsop Urban District.

KEMP, W., M.B., District Medical Officer of the Pontefract Union.

LLEWELLYN, T. L., M.D., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S.Eng., Medical Officer to the Powell Duffryn and Rhymney Iron Companies in the Rhymney Valley.

MELVILLE, Stanley, M.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Clinical Assistant to the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

MOWLL, R. Rothwell, M.D., B.S.Lond., Medical Officer to the Southern and Western District Metropolitan Water Board.

MOULD, R. J., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Assistant Medical Officer, Camberwell Parish Infirmary.

NEVIN, R. W., M.B., B.S.Durh., District Medical Officer of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Union.

PORTEOUS, H. L., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., District Medical Officer of the Stroud Union.

PURDY, J. S., M.D., C.M. (Aberd.), D.P.H. (Camb.), District Health Officer, Auckland, New Zealand, late Egyptian Sanitary and Quarantine Service (resigned).

REY, Jules F., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., L.D.S.Eng., Medical Officer for the Dinas Powis, Wenvae, and Llandough Post Offices.

RODGERS, J. W., M.B., District Medical Officer of the Dorking Union.

SMITH, William Alex., M.B., Ch.B.Aberd., Assistant House-Surgeon, North Riding Infirmary, Middlesbrough.

SPAIGHT, H. W., L.R.C.P. and S. (Irel.), District Medical Officer of the Helston Union.

TREASURE, W. B. Crawford, M.D., J.P., Medical Officer to the Post Office for the Western Division of Cardiff.

VINTRAS, Louis, M.D.Durh., Director of the French Convalescent Home at Brighton and of the Annexe for the Preventive Treatment of Tuberculosis.

WATERS, D. B., M.D.Edin., District Medical Officer of the parish of Alston-with-Garrigill.

WRIGHT, Garrett, M.B., Ch.B.Ed., F.R.C.S.Eng., Honorary Surgeon to the Ancoats Hospital, Manchester.

YEARSLEY, John H., B.A.Oxon., M.R.C.P.Edin., F.R.C.S.Edin., Assistant Ophthalmic Surgeon to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Bournemouth.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.—The following gentlemen have been selected as House Officers:

Casualty Officers: (Senior) A. B. Howitt, M.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; (Junior) W. O. Sankey, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Resident House-Physicians: C. E. Whitehead, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; H. G. Bennett, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

House-Physicians to Out-patients: W. H. R. Sutton, B.A., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; S. Churchill, B.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Obstetric House-Physicians: (Senior) A. C. D. Firth, M.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; (Junior) F. S. Hewett, B.A., M.B., B.C.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Ophthalmic House-Surgeon: (Junior) A. S. Burgess, M.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Special Departments: (Throat) R. E. Todd, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Skin) A. J. S. Pinchin, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; E. A. Sparrow, B.A., Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. (Ear) A. J. S. Pinchin, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.; H. E. T. Dawes, B.A.Cantab., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Children's Surgical: R. E. Todd, M.B., B.S.Lond., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Electrical Department (X-ray Department): A. J. H. Iles, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Several other gentlemen have received an extension of their appointments.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting advertisements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s. 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

MARRIAGES.

COLE—WHITE.—On June 11th, at the Church of the Annunciation, Bryanston Street, W., by the Rev. Prebendary C. M. Harvey, Vicar of Hillingdon, assisted by the Rev. Canon E. B. Ottley, Vicar of the parish, Robert Henry Cole, M.D., of 25, Upper Berkeley Street, Portman Square, to Mabel Effie, widow of Arthur Thomas White, M.R.C.S., of the Egyptian Public Health Service.

JONES—HANNAH.—On June 4th, at the Parish Church, Ashton-in-Makerfield, by the Rev. H. Siddall, Vicar, assisted by the Rev. F. Kennen, senior Curate of West Derby Parish Church, Dr. Oswal Wynn, son of William Jones, Balliol Road, Bootle, to Martha (Pattie), fourth daughter of Dr. Hannah, Rock House, Ashton-in-Makerfield.

TURNER—BARKER.—On the 5th inst, at Holy Trinity Church, Scarborough, by Rev. Canon Watson, York, William Turner, M.B., Hale, Cheshire, to Ruby Kathleen, second daughter of Reginald H. Barker, Grosvenor Bank, Scarborough.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

TUESDAY.

MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY, 22, Albemarle Street, W., 8.30 p.m.—(1) Exhibitions of Medico-Legal Specimens. (2) Discussion: Opinion and Fact in Medical Matters; introduced by C. H. Wise, M.D., J.P.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, Pall Mall East, S.W.—5 p.m., First Croonian Lecture by Dr. W. J. R. Simpson on the Plague.

WEDNESDAY.

ROYAL MEDICAL AND CHIRURGICAL SOCIETY, 20, Hanover Square, W., 5.30 p.m.—Mr. D'Arcy Power, F.S.A.: Dr. Walter Bailey and his Works, 1529-1592. (There will also be a number of exhibits of medical and antiquarian interest.)

THURSDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, Pall Mall East, S.W.—5 p.m., Second Croonian Lecture by Dr. W. J. R. Simpson.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Tuesday and Friday, 3.45 p.m., Larynx.

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.—Thursday, 4 p.m., Affections at or about the Umbilicus.

LONDON **SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE.—Clinics: Monday, Medicine, 2.15 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m.; Ear and Throat, 4 p.m. Tuesday, Medicine, 2.15 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m.; Skin, 4 p.m. Wednesday, Medicine, 2.15 p.m.; Ophthalmology, 3.30 p.m. Thursday, Medicine, 2.30 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m.; Radiography, 4 p.m. Friday, Medicine, 2.15 p.m.; Surgery, 3.15 p.m. Operations each day at 2.30 p.m. Out-patient Demonstrations: Surgical, daily, 10 a.m.; Medical, daily, 10 a.m. Ear and Throat, Mondays and Thursdays, 12 noon. Eye, Wednesdays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. Skin, Tuesdays and Fridays, 12 noon. Special Lectures:** Monday, 4 p.m., Paralysis of the Vocal Cords; Tuesday, 2.15 p.m., Diagnosis of the Nature of Pathological Exudates; Thursday, 3.15 p.m.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, **22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day:—Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Eye. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follows:—** Monday, Blood Pressure and the Nervous System; Tuesday, Some Medico-Legal Reminiscences; Wednesday, Irregularity of the Cardiac Rhythm; Thursday, Ditto.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Tuesday, 3.30 p.m., Multiple Neuritis; Friday, 3.30 p.m., Paralysis Agitans.

NORTH-EAST **LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—The following are the clinics and demonstrations for next week:—Monday, 10 a.m.: Surgical; 2.30 p.m.: Medical, Throat, Nose and Ear, *X* Rays. Tuesday, 10.30 a.m.: Medical; 2.30 p.m.: Operations—Surgical and Gynaecological; 4.30 p.m.: Demonstration of *X*-ray Cases; Wednesday, 2.30 p.m.: Medical, Skin, Eye. Thursday, 2.30 p.m.: Gynaecological Operations—Medical. Surgical; *X* Rays; 3 p.m., Medical (In-patient); 4.30 p.m., Demonstration of Cases of Children's Disease. Friday, 9.30 a.m., Surgical; 2.30 p.m., Operations—Medical, Eye; 3 p.m., Medical (In-patient).**

POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, W.—The following arrangements have been made for next week:—Daily, 2 p.m.: Medical and Surgical Clinics and *X* Rays. 2.30 p.m.: Operations. Monday and Thursday, 2 p.m.: Diseases of the Eye. Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m.: Gynaecological Operations. 2 p.m.: Diseases of Throat, Nose, and Ear. 2.30 p.m.: Diseases of the Skin. Wednesday, 10 a.m.: Diseases of Children. Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a.m.: Diseases of Throat, Nose, and Ear. 2 p.m.: Diseases of the Eye. Lectures—Monday, noon: Pathological Demonstration. 5 p.m.: Clinical. Wednesday: Practical Medicine. Thursday: Practical Surgery. Friday: Cases of Skin Disease.

BOOKS, ETC., RECEIVED.

The Early Bird. Why to Rise Early and How. London: D. Nutt. 1907. 1s.

Medical Philosophy. Man's Peculiarities, Weaknesses, Diseases, Degeneration, and Remedies. By W. Russell. London: H. Kimpton; and Glasgow: A. Stenhouse. 1907. 21s.

Materia Medica, Pharmacy, Pharmacology, and Therapeutics. By W. H. White, M.D., F.R.C.P. Tenth edition. London: J. and A. Churchill. 1907. 6s. 6d.

A Dictionary of Medical Diagnosis. By H. L. McKisack, M.D., M.R.C.P.Lond. London: Baillière, Tindall, and Cox. 1907. 10s. 6d.

The Briton's First Duty. The Case for Universal Military Training. Fourth edition. London: The National Service League.

London: The Health Resorts Association; Deal, and Royal Leamington Spa. Edited by G. W. May; and Southwold. By E. R. Cooper. Free on application to Town Clerk.

Lehrbuch der Gynäkologie. Von M. Runge. Dritte Auflage. Berlin: J. Springer. M. 10.

Cambridge Physical Series. Edited by F. H. Neville, M.A., F.R.S., and W. C. D. Whitham, M.A., F.R.S. Air Currents and the Laws of Ventilation. Lectures delivered in the Lent Term, 1903. By W. N. Shaw, Sc.D., F.R.S. Cambridge: University Press. 1907. 3s.

Uber Beri-Beri. Von Dr. A. Plehn. Berlin: K. Curtius. 1907. M. 0.60.

The Practical Medicine Series. Edited by G. P. Head, M.D. Vol. II. General Surgery. Edited by J. B. Murphy, A.M., M.D., LL.D. Vol. III. The Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat. Edited by C. A. Wood, C.M., M.D., D.C.L., A. H. Andrews, M.D., and G. P. Head, M.D. Series 1907. Chicago: The Year-Book Publishers; and Glasgow: G. Gillies and Co. Vol. II., 8s.; Vol. III., 6s.

Stanford's Geological Atlas of Great Britain and Ireland. By H. B. Woodward, F.R.S., F.G.S. Second edition. London: E. Stanford. 1907. 12s. 6d.

The Probable Origin of Syphilis in Europe. By L. Bousfield, M.A., M.D. London: S. F. Hodsall. 2s.

Rational and Effective Treatment of Hip Disease. By P. B. Bennie, M.A., M.D., B.S.Melb. Compiled by A. B. Bennie, M.A., M.B., B.S.Melb. London: Baillière, Tindall, and Cox. 1907. 5s.

The Licensed Trade: An Independent Survey. By E. A. Pratt. London: J. Murray. 1907. 5s.

Saint Thomas's Hospital Reports. New Series. Edited by Dr. H. G. Turney and Mr. W. H. Battle. Vol. xxxiv. London: J. and A. Churchill. 1906. 8s 6d.

Medical Examination Questions set by the University of Edinburgh, and Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons of Edinburgh, and Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow for several years. Edinburgh: J. Currie. 1907. 2s.

Diseases of the Eye. By J. H. Parsons, D.Sc., M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S. London: J. and A. Churchill. 1907. 10s. 6d.

The Psycho-Physical Aspect of Climate, with a Theory concerning Intensities of Sensation. By W. F. Tyler, F.R.Met.S., A.I.C.E. London: J. Bale, Sons, and Danielsson. 5s.

Alcohol and the Human Body. By Sir V. Horsley and M. D. Sturge, M.D.Lond. London: Macmillan and Co. 1907. 5s.

The Efficient Life. By L. H. Gulick, M.D. London: W. Heinemann. 1907. 3s. 6d.

The London Manual for 1907. Edited by R. Donald. London: E. Lloyd, Ltd. 1907. 1s. 6d.

Transactions of the American Climatological Association for the Year 1906. Vol. xxii. Philadelphia: The American Climatological Association. 1906.

The Ophthalmoscope. By G. Hartridge, F.R.C.S. Fifth edition. London: J. and A. Churchill. 1907. 4s.

Cremation: The Planning of Crematoria and Columbaria. By A. C. Freeman. London: A. C. Freeman. 1s.

On Treatment. By H. Campbell, M.D., B.S., F.R.C.P. London: Baillière, Tindall, and Cox. 1907. 5s.

The International Genealogical Directory, 1907. Compiled by C. A. Bernau. 10s. 6d.

Elements of Human Physiology. By E. H. Starling, M.D.Lond., F.R.C.P., F.R.S. Eighth edition. London: J. and A. Churchill. 1907. 12s. 6d.

Lehrbuch der Arzneimittellehre. Von Professor R. Heinz. Jena: G. Fischer. 1907. M. 9.

Travaux et Mémoires de Montpellier. Série Scientifique I. Le Travail Intellectuel et les Fonctions de l'Organisme. Par A. Mairet et J. E. Florence. Montpellier: Coulet et Fils; et Paris: Masson et Cie. 1907. Fr. 3.

Medizinal-Berichte über die Deutschen Schutzgebiete Deutsch-Ostafrika, Kamerun, Togo, Deutsch-Südwestafrika, Neu-Guinea, Karolinen-, Marianen-, Marshall-Inseln, und Samoa für das Jahr 1904-5. Herausgegeben von der Kolonial-Abteilung des Auswärtigen Amts. Berlin: E. S. Mittler und Sohn. 1907. M. 7.50.

Traité d'Hygiène, publié sous la direction de MM. A. Chantemesse et E. Mosny. II. Hygiène Coloniale. Par les Drs. Alliot, Clarac, Fontoynont, Kermorgant, Marchoux, F. Noc. Ed. et Et. Sergent, Simond et R. Wurtz. Paris: J. B. Baillière et Fils. 1907. Fr. 12.

Alcohol: a Drawing-room Address. Delivered by H. E. Jones, M.B., C.M. Glasgow: A. Macintyre. 1907. 2s.

The Labyrinth of Animals including Mammals, Birds, Reptiles, and Amphibians. By A. A. Gray, M.D.Glasg., F.R.S.E. Vol. i. London: J. and A. Churchill. 1907. 21s.

A Course of Lectures to Midwives and Maternity Nurses. By W. E. Fothergill, M.A., B.Sc., M.D. Edinburgh and London: W. Green and Sons. 1907. 4s. 6d.

Labour and Childhood. By M. McMillan. London: Swan, Sonnenschein and Co., Limited. 1907. 3s. 6d.

The Construction and Reconstruction of the Human Body. By F. Sandow. London: J. Bale, Sons, and Danielsson, Limited. 1907. 12s. 6d.

The Nutrition of Man. By R. H. Chittenden, Ph.D., LL.D., Sc.D. London: W. Heinemann. 1907. 14s.

A Descriptive Catalogue of the Pathological Museum of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street. Edited by Dr. G. F. Still. London: Bradbury, Agnew and Co., Limited. 1907. 5s.

The Destruction of Daylight. By J. W. Graham, M.A. London: G. Allen. 1907. 2s. 6d.

Physical Diagnosis. By H. S. Anders, A.M., M.D. London: S. Appleton. 1907. 12s. 6d.

A Health Reader. By C. F. Shelley, M.A., M.D., M.R.C.P., and E. Stenhouse, B.Sc. Book II. London: Macmillan and Co., Limited. 1907. 1s. 4d.

***** In forwarding books the publishers are requested to state the selling price.**

CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
JUNE.	
14 FRIDAY ...	HAMPSTEAD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, St. Peter's Hall, Belsize Square, N.W., 4.30 p.m.
15 SATURDAY...	HARROGATE: Science Committee, Hotel Majestic, 4 p.m.
16 Sunday ...	
17 MONDAY ...	
18 TUESDAY ...	LONDON: Public Health Committee, 3.15 p.m.
19 WEDNESDAY	LONDON: Medico-Political Committee, 2.30 p.m. SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Hotel Metropole, Brighton, 2.15 p.m.; Luncheon, 1 to 2 p.m.; after meeting, Reception at the Royal Pavilion by His Worship the Mayor; Dinner, Hotel Metropole, 6.15 p.m. SOUTH-EASTERN OF IRELAND BRANCH, Town Hall, Clonmel, 12 noon; also meeting of Branch Council. WEST NORFOLK DIVISION, *East Anglian Branch*, Annual Meeting, West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, 3 p.m. (*not June 20th as previously announced.*)
20 THURSDAY...	LONDON: Hospitals Committee, 2 p.m. LONDON: Premises Committee, 3 p.m. EAST ANGLIAN BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Town Hall, Ipswich; Council Meeting, 12 noon; General Meeting, 12.30 p.m.; Luncheon, 1 p.m.; Resumed General Meeting, 2 p.m.; Tea, 4 p.m. LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Manchester. SOUTH MIDLAND BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Bedford Hospital, 3 p.m.; Luncheon, Grafton Rooms, 145, Midland Road, 1.30 p.m.
21 FRIDAY ...	LONDON: Ethical Committee, 2 p.m. BORDER COUNTIES BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Crown and Mitre Hotel, Carlisle.
JUNE *(Continued).*	
22 SATURDAY...	SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION, *Edinburgh Branch*, Annual Meeting, at Dr. Young's house, Earlston, 4 p.m.
23 Sunday ...	
24 MONDAY ...	
25 TUESDAY ...	CITY DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*. BOSTON AND SPALDING DIVISION, *Midland Branch*, Motor Meet, Bull Hotel, Bourne, 4 p.m. KENSINGTON DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Meeting, Kensington Town Hall, 5 p.m.
26 WEDNESDAY	NORTH LANCASHIRE AND SOUTH WESTMORLAND BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Furness Abbey Hotel, 3.30 p.m. YORKSHIRE BRANCH, annual Meeting, Dewsbury.
27 THURSDAY...	CANTERBURY AND FAVERSHAM DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Combined Meeting of Divisions comprised in the old East Kent District, County Hotel, Canterbury, 3 p.m.; Dinner, 5.45 for 6 p.m. METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH, Annual Meeting. STAFFORDSHIRE BRANCH. Annual Meeting, Victoria Hotel, Wolverhampton, 5.25 p.m.; Dinner, 7.15 p.m.; Council Meeting to precede Annual Meeting. WANDSWORTH DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Battersea Town Hall, 4 p.m.
28 FRIDAY ...	FIFE BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Hotel, Thornton, 3 p.m. WEST SOMERSET BRANCH, Annual Meeting, Royal Clarence Hotel, Bridgwater, 12.15 p.m.; Luncheon served after the Meeting.
29 SATURDAY...	ULSTER BRANCH. Annual Meeting, Medical Institute, Belfast, 11.30 a.m.
30 Sunday ...	

MEMBERSHIP OF THE BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.

THE British Medical Association exists for the promotion of medical and the allied sciences, and the maintenance of the honour and the interests of the medical profession.

The Annual Subscription to the British Medical Association is £1 5s. 0d., and the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL is supplied weekly, post free, to every member of the British Medical Association wherever he may reside.

Forms of application for membership can be obtained from the General Secretary, 6, Catherine Street, Strand, W.C.

The principal rules governing the election of a medical practitioner to be a member of the British Medical Association are as follow:

Article III.—Any Medical Practitioner registered in the United Kingdom under the Medical Acts and any Medical Practitioner residing within the area of any Branch of the Association situate in any part of the British Empire other than the United Kingdom, who is so registered or possesses such medical qualifications as shall, subject to the Regulations, be prescribed by the Rules of the said Branch, shall be eligible as a Member of the Association. The mode and conditions of election to Membership shall from time to time be determined by or in accordance with the By-laws. Every Member, whether one of the existing Members or a subsequently-elected Member, shall remain a Member until he ceases to be a Member in accordance with the provisions hereof.

By-law 1.—Every Candidate for Membership of the Association shall apply for election in writing, addressed to the Association, and stating his agreement, if elected, to abide by the Regulations and By-laws of the Association, and the Rules of such Division and Branch to which he may at any time belong and to pay his subscription for the current year.

By-law 2.—Every candidate who resides within the area of a Branch shall forward his application to the Secretary of such Branch. Notice of the proposed election shall be sent by the Branch Secretary to the General Secretary of the Association, and to every Member of the Branch Council, and the candidate, if not disqualified by any Regulation of the Association, may be elected a member of the Association by the Branch Council at any meeting thereof held not less than seven days (or such longer period as the Branch may by its Rules prescribe) after the date of the said Notice. A Branch may by special Resolution require that each candidate for election to the Association shall furnish a certificate from two Members of the Association to whom he is personally known. Officers of the Navy, Army, and Indian Medical Services on the Active List are eligible for election through the Council or a Branch without approving signatures as laid down in By-law 3.

By-law 3.—Every candidate whose place of residence is not included in the area of any Branch shall forward his Application to the General Secretary of the Association, together with a statement, signed by three Members of the Association, that from personal knowledge they consider him a suitable person for election. Notice of the proposed election shall be sent by the General Secretary to every Member of the Council, and the candidate, if not disqualified by any Regulation of the Association, may be elected a Member of the Association by the Council at any meeting thereof held not less than one month after the date of the said notice.

The annual subscription to the BRITISH MEDICAL JOURNAL for non-members is £1 8s. 0d. for the United Kingdom, and £1 15s. 0d. for abroad.

Printed and published by the British Medical Association at their Office, No. 6, Catherine Street, Strand, in the Parish of St. Paul, Covent Garden, in the County of Middlesex.